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Memorandum of
settlement between
Rachel & Thomas

New York, January 18th 1865.

My dear Wife,

Your last, dated the 14th December, was received the 26th. I wrote you the 20th and 29th December, informing you, in the latter, that I had that day sent you through the Union Telegraph Company $25.00, to be paid Frank. I suppose that the Company notified him and that you got the money, enabling you to have a good time Christmas, as was my intention in sending it to you. I have been waiting very patiently for a letter from you in answer to mine of the 20th, as I supposed you must certainly have written to me immediately after the holidays informing me of the happy time which I believe you must have had. I think the letter must have been delayed by the snow blockades on the Central Pacific Road. I expect to hear from you soon, but, as you will be visiting

convenient from it. To day it is snowing quite hard and the prospect is that we shall have plenty of good sleighing. This is the second snow storm of the season. The skating on the lakes is tenable yet. The ice thick enough but terribly cut up. Yesterday Sunday, I was at the Central Park lake. It was almost a dense mass of human being, literally black with people, on skates on foot and in chairs, altogether a romantic for the enjoyment of fun.

Comme has taken a house on 38th St between 5th and Madison avenues, furnishing for three years at $150 per month, but appears to have just as much trouble as ever. If he be not one thing it is another to disconcert him. Seemingly he is never contented, though having and surrounded by every thing which should contribute to make a woman happy. The trouble with her is that she has too much and does not know how to appreciate the good things of this world, while those

to hear from me, I cannot longer defer waiting, till I can hear from you, and promise to write again after I receive your next letter. I have, too, a little money to send you, having borrowed some from Mr Ridgway - I did not get as much as I expected - only $50 - I wished to borrow $100 from him to enable me to refund Mr Moore the amount which he may have paid for my taxes, but I could not do so. I send you a Post Office order for $20.00 which paid enclosed. I wish I could send you more, but cannot. I know you must require money very much, particularly now while you are so unwell, to procure yourself delicacies. So take care of what I send and let it be spent for your own comfort - I hope you are better and fast improving in health. I think you will come out all right, and after having passed through the ordeal, enjoy better health than you have enjoyed at least I hope and pray that you may. You must not

think have had a hard time of it - I am only sorry that I could not have enabled you to have administered, by kindness and attention, to your comfort and happiness. I hope the children have been good to you and are so still, and do not allow you to do anything to overexert yourself in the least.

I have not spent a very pleasant time during the holidays - I made a few calls in New York and Brooklyn New Years day and spent the evening at Mr Griffiths, when, the same as last year, there was a social gathering of the little folks and a distribution of presents on the Christmas tree. ~~The same as last year~~ -

The weather since the first of the year has been very disagreeable and for a portion of the time rather cold the thermometer being Sunday before last on and two degrees below zero. I have managed however to keep about and cannot say I have suffered any particular in-

was busy he would get some out alone. He appeared indifferent about it and perhaps I may have been too, more than I intended. Afterwards I asked Mrs Young if I could help her. She said no she could not trouble me that there wasn't much to be done. I found out afterwards that the reason she refused was because she thought I did not wish to come to help her. I felt much hurt that she should think I would really refuse to do anything for her, that it was altogether owing to a misunderstanding on the part of her husband. That I was very sorry for it. That nothing would have given me more pleasure than to have assisted her. That it was my intention and wish to do so. and I begged of her to let me come to help her to convince her of the sincerity of my intentions. which she graciously permitted me to do. She appointed the day when I should come, which was last Friday afternoon when I went to help her unpack some fine things. I expect that it has been owing to this misunderstanding

who are accustomed to have less are probably happy. I know that you would be very pleased of the one tenth part of what she has. When at the hotel she spoke of having me to come to live with her, but as she has said nothing about it since going to housekeeping I am still at my humble quarters at the Eric House, which perhaps is all for the best. I have no particular claim to change my present quarters unless it be to take the cars to return to my own home in San Diego where I would prefer to be a thousand times with you and the children than any where else I know of. I go sometimes to see Corinne and the children. may be twice or three times a week and find that often enough, as the distance to where they live is so far. She has a most comfortable house, elegantly furnished and must live nearly as expensively as on 16th St. There is no difference except her not keeping —

her carriage, which is at rate keeps up the appearance of her husband in the present disorganized state of his affairs. But this is their business and not mine.

Your Cousin sings and plays most beautifully - much better even than before going to France. I am not much of a judge indeed, now at all of music - though that which is ~~[illegible]~~ given always pleases me - I think that Corinne plays and sings better than any one I ever heard either off or on the stage. She would much like to make her appearance in public, but her husband says when he is not able to support her they she can do so to gain a living.

I wonder you do not write to Corinne in answer to her letter and to thank her for the present sent you. I have expressed my surprise to you before that you have not done so - and as you then defer writing I presume you must have some reason for not doing so. She feels very disposed to you, never forgets to enquire about you and often says how happy she would be were you with her. She must certainly think it strange that you have not written to her - Why not dear? Who knows you might come to New York on my return to California, or with me at some future time and when would you be more welcome or as comfortable as at your Cousins? You need not fear jealousy of her. or think that I can more for her than I do for you - I think very highly of your cousin indeed because she has been kind to me and to you and I would oblige her in any way in my power. I have been of some little assistance to her since her return, but not as much as I should like to have been owing to a misunderstanding on her part or rather mr Youngs. He asked me one day if I was busy just then I told him that I was engaged in making out some accounts. He said if I was not he would like me to come to help his wife when they move - I replied that I should be happy to do so. He said no matter if I

tion so that a division of the portion of the property of the estate may be made and I may have something to send you to pay most pressing debts, and enable me to wait more contentedly for a decision regarding the remainder —

I hope you and the children are all well and enjoying yourselves as much as you can under the circumstances in which you are placed. Take good care of yourselves dear Nan and dear children — Papa thinks of you all, night and day, and longs for his time to come when he may return home to you. I hope that it will not be long — but when the time will be, it is impossible for me to say — No use to set any particular time — then there will be no disappointment. Let us hope that it may not be long — we shall be kept waiting — I am sick and tired of the miserable life which I am compelled to lead in consequence of being kept waiting here — With love and kisses —

From your affectionate husband

Thos Rodney



standing that she has not received the invitation she made me at the hotel to come to her house. I do not regret this so much as that there should have been any misunderstanding in relation to the matter. But as this has been fully explained and finally settled, there concerns is of no and I am as welcome a visitor at the house as ever —

Now regarding my last matters, which will interest you more than anything else I can possibly write about as my return home depends upon it — soon or later. — Nothing definite has been done for some days past things have remained in status quo — owing to a prospect of a compromise being made which, upon its completion would settle things immediately — Mother consents to give up to the children the whole property personal and real including the Brooklyn lots upon condition of purchasing her an annuity for the remainder of her life. To this I consent, but she must

to give up the whole of the property, accumulations and all — She says she has not accumulated anything and has nothing on hand — this I do not believe and never will — Besides she requires an annuity of $1400 per annum. I am willing to allow her $1000 which is more than she has expended during any one year for herself — If these differences can be settled satisfactorily, the agreement will be entered into & the suits now pending for the property will be continued and she and the heirs must abide the result — She will have to account and should she not do so, or should it appear that she has spent more than her dower in the property the excess will be deducted in the settlement even though it should result in her not receiving a dollar more from the estate. She will have to abide by it. If on the other hand the Supreme Court should decide that she is not to account and is entitled to the proceeds of the real estate and that no division of the same can be made till she dies the heirs will have to abide by it —

The suits now commenced is in regard to the real estate and affect in no way the decision of the Surrogate in regard to the personal property and the income therefrom — for this she must account and upon the accounting the division of the personal property will take place.

I have just read the above to Mr R. who says that provided the arrangement proposed can be carried into effect it will require some weeks yet, but should the suits be continued it will take probably six months and has no doubt that it will be every way favorable to my as in the Surrogate's Court.

The accounting before the auditor for the income of the personal property will be continued again in a few days and brought I hope to a speedy termina-

New York, January 19 – 1895.

My Dear Wife,

In consequence of the snow storm I was prevented from going to the Post Office yesterday afternoon to mail the letter which I had written and intended to send. I got Dennis Moran the young man attending to Mr. Ridgway's office, and who lives in Brooklyn, to stop at Mary Griffin's on his way over this morning, and the result of which is that he has brought me your letter of the 6th inst; mailed the 8th which came to hand yesterday – it having been only ten days coming.

I am very glad indeed to hear from you and the children again and that you all enjoyed yourselves so much during the holidays, particularly at the Christmas Tree Party given by the "Travels Social Club".

You are wrong to suppose that I have grown indifferent about writing to you or that I intentionally cut them short from 30 or 40 pages to 3 or 4 – as you seem much have found out on receipt of the

letter subsequent to that of the 28th December written the 29th December and which you must have received a few days after you had mailed your last of the 6th January — besides ~~that letter are be as long~~ the portion of this letter written yesterday, before the receipt of yours this morning, is longer than an most of those written by you.

I do not consider that the extreme length of a letter amounts to anything. but the spirit in which it may be written, though containing only a few lines — Your letters are always welcome to me be they short or long, and so should mine be to you — I am not always in the humor to write long letters but I conceive it to be a duty to write something even though not more than a few pages or lines. I would not wish to tax you with writing long letters unless you were well and so do I judge and I do not suppose you would wish to tax me, unless I was in the humor to do so.

It was certainly a great disappoint-

sent him one then – or at least a hundred – but I had no money then – it was as much as I could do to get the trunk off.

I am glad you received some fine presents and that you were not forgotten even by so humble an individual as Robert Murray who gave you the cup. and that through the gift of eggnog from Mr Ballard you were able to drink my health and speedy return.

I do not think I will have any troubles with my creditors after waiting patiently so long – surely they will not get paid by any legal process as soon as I hope to be able to pay them. but should any of them think of commencing proceedings just refer them to Mr Morse who understands exactly my position and will I think satisfy them perfectly.

Rail Road matters are, I think in rather a bad fix. but we can't tell what Scott may be able to do before the end of the session.

My health is tolerable good – I have no reason to complain – though I find the weather rather cold. I would much rather

meet to me not to have been able to return home by Newyear as I had made every calculation to do – I had on the idea of returning till the last moment – the 20th of December – and when that day came and I found that the unsettled state of my affairs prevented me from taking the cars ~~and finding my way~~ homeward, how I felt very miserable indeed and felt keen the disappointment which you would feel on the first day of January – I am still delayed but as anxious to return home as ever. Do not suppose I will delay starting longer than is actually necessary – after once a satisfactory arrangement of my affairs is arrived at – Nothing will keep me here a single day. Continue or all the women in New York, for that matter. You seem to think that I delay coming on her account as you say – that when you wrote me Emma would return to New York on the 15th I knew then that you would not think of leaving her so soon

you "attached" to come to me." — You must be very jealous indeed of her and may be you are so to great as to prevent your writing to her. I cannot account for your neglect towards her in any other way — Do not think I write about you "to disagree the weary days" or ~~for consolation in some quarter~~ ~~if I am long~~ ~~than~~ longer than I can help — or for consolation in some other quarter? — If I can prevent it by a speedy return.

I know you great desire to see me again soon, but it is no greater than mine to see you. So my dear little wife dont complain needlessly but show greater resignation than you manifest in your trials are sweet no doubt — but not comparable to mine. You have around you the children — when I have nobody who care for me — All will be right so "just wait a while" — and dont let the reports which you hear that some people say that they do not think I will to come back effect you so much as to cause you to entertain the idea of obtaining a divorce — as I think with you that neither you nor I would have just grounds for an action.

All this, I take it is for fun and so I understand and shall not give the matter you write about our moments serious attention.

I am glad to hear that you got the pass from the N.Y. Telegraph Co and that it arrived in the nick of time just two days before Newbern — enabling you to buy presents for the children and making yourselves comfortable in many various ways —

I think from your description of things that you must certainly have had a highly pleasant time and I am glad of it for your sake and for the sake of the children — I am sorry however that George did not get a furlough but tell him he shall certainly have a good one as soon as I can aber to procure it. I miss very much when I sent the trunk I have

Jany 20 - 1875 - Was prevented again from mailing letter yesterday - but will certainly do so to-day - I enclose copy of Memoranda of Agreement which is being drawn up by the Lawyers and which may be altered considerably by them before completion - to show you what is being done:-

— Memoranda of Settlement. —

1. Annuity of $ per annum payable quarterly in advance, during life to Mrs Rachel Whaley, to be purchased, and to be paid for out of moneys of the estate.

2. In consideration of such annuity said Rachel Whaley to release dower, and assign, convey, transfer and deliver to the four children (as tenants in common), all estate real and personal of or to which she is possessed or entitled either as Executrix or individually, with books, vouchers, evidence of debt and papers of every description relating thereto.

3. That an order or decree in the matter of the accounting before the Surrogate be entered, distributing the fund above in the Trust Company to us (except as much thereof as may be requisite for purchase of said annuity) to the three sons of said Rachel Whaley - in such proportions that with $3000, in two certain mortgages to be assigned to John his share thereof will be equal in amount to Thomas and Henry respectively - that is to say $5000 thereof to Thomas, $5000 thereof to Henry, and the residue thereof, estimated to amount to $2000, with said mortgages amounting to $8000, to John.

4. That said Rachel Whaley shall not be held accountable as a debtor to her said children or any one of them, for any moneys or property used or disposed of absolutely by her, whether belonging to her or said children or any or either of them, nor be chargeable for any deficiency or loss in or to said estate.

5. That said annuity shall not at any time be diminished by reason of any claim of Wm Pollard for or on account of alleged negligence or any expenses growing out of any prosecution of any such claim or any recovery against him for or on account of any such alleged wrongful act or negligence, and shall be indemnified by said four children against same -

This Pollard is a young man who fell through the [illegible] of 33 feet, and was [illegible]

be in San Diego than here - dull as it may be - I have been thinking that if I have money enough after paying debts as we might be able to buy a comfortable home for a very reasonable sum, may be at the present depressed state of things for about one half or one third of the cost - I see that Taggart's house, also Evans is for sale - and probably might be purchased very low - but say nothing to any one of my intention to buy in New York - I think that we would find a more comfortable in every respect were we to go there to reside - besides the children would have the advantage of going to good schools and learn something - I think it would not be long before my affairs are settled and I shall return home - and quite likely we would find it pleasanter and more advantageous every way to live in New York - I have been considering that what it would cost to renovate and repair our house for we might buy a very comfortable little place in New York - We will consider the matter over on my return but say nothing

about it to anyone. I expect to get from the estate all that is ever coming to me. The money on hand will be divided at once and the property whenever we think it best to dispose of it. The times for selling real estate is not very good just now may be better in the Spring. But if they are not I would not propose to wait much longer than then as I shall require all I can raise to operate with. I suppose that I shall have coming to me at least $15.000 but until things are converted into Cash it is impossible to say what amount I shall receive. In any event it will be enough to make us much more comfortable than we have been and bridge things over till such time as we may hope to realize something from our Old property.

I must now close as it is a late hour dear Mary. I received no more than money was received the 15th inst. and is now in Can. Pt. I will dispose of it as soon as I can and remit him. The prospects of the Cows have taken considerably. Hand him the enclosed article and informed to Santa Barbara. Nothing you dear Mary good health and every comfort of mind and body and with much love to you and the children I remain your devoted and

affectionate husband

H. D. Hacker

I think Mamie Violet Lillie. George and Frank might see if there were some of them than they do — I have the letter from Prince Custer and will answer it soon —

This taken altogether is not a very long letter but will do for a few days when I expect hearing from you. Write soon again.

Received Febry 9. 76

San Francisco Cal.
Jan 10th 1876.

My dear friend,

It has been a long time since I have received your last welcome letter, and I must confess I have been very delinquent in not having answered it long before this. But not willfully as I assure you. You and yours are often in my thoughts, and these are some of my absent friends' whom I love fleet & see, than your worthy selves.

We have passed thro' a great deal of trouble financially, since I last heard from you. Doubtless you have heard of my husbands business troubles

— and after a short time since, but they had moved, and no one in the neighborhood could tell me where they were living. And as I am not acquainted with any one who knows them, I do not know when or where I shall find them. I am afraid I hope you will not be so long in answering ~~this~~ as I have been. Enclosed, you will find a little ticket, which I have just accidentally come upon in the Evening Post.

May health and happiness attend you is the wish of

Your friend —

Edmd. J. Roberts.

No 316 Fulton St.

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which have caused us both many wonderful moments. But thank God the storm is over now and our little bark of patience is once more upon a smooth and tranquil sea.

My husband's failure was a mistake from a depression of the times in the stock-market. But now he is free again, having been successful in business during the last few months, and I feel so happy, so happy I can write.

You can well understand why I didn't write before, for of course I did without asking — and took the cares of my little ones upon me, in spite of that of my course, having his disappointment, and therefore I had very little time or heart to write to any of my friends.

We are all well thank God, and I trust, with all my heart, you may all be so likewise. I wish you well, our loving happy New-Year. We thought of you pleasantly Christmas. My brother and family dined with us, and "auntie blanche" was as warm hearted to the little ones, so they were all happy.

I have 2 "babies" in the care a few days since, one 6 & the other 8 mos. old. We do nothing very lively with our little baby. Which husband's you think, as I presume you remember with them. I have no more babies, and none I expect.

I walked to see your brother

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going to be the same old room. People
talk a great deal about your staying
away so long and talk of divorce & like
that and tell them the two years are
up yet. And so on. I think still has
Mr. Clark going. They gave a surprise party
every time I walk they all meet at your house
that time, and surprised Salome Jos & Ethel
Dilworth family. They generally have it
at one o'clock and have a good time
dancing. I think the next one will be at
Mr. Cox's. R. B. did not take the office
any more as he cannot walk much. Lay
Rank he then rented Rep the room for you
from Salome Clancy. I don't hire it
to any one unless to that no one knows
B. I am. Nellie tells them I have for some

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[illegible]

a great deal better but he is not always there, and the clerk Schilly has there is just as bad as Schilles, but I suppose I ought to be thankful to get anything at all from them, as Schilly told me he only offered to let you have things whilst you were sick. I am afraid it will be a steep bill you will have to pay them. I suppose we owe Lucy some too, as I have used a great many tickets, giving money when I could but mostly tickets, he has spoken once or twice of your having some land next to his on the flats or somewhere thereabouts, he had a lot of barly growing

on his, and he died in looking
after his books or property. His
heirs found that the papers
[illegible] land were [illegible]
perhaps you can't make out
anything [illegible]
when you returned [illegible]
the bill. We have had [illegible]
lots of [illegible] heavy gale
it looks [illegible]
the hills [illegible] fresh and [illegible]
Battaile [illegible] to get again
is [illegible] [illegible] any
the grass [illegible] quite green
again. Capt. De Blois died
at [illegible] about [illegible]
days ago. Some [illegible]
others [illegible]
Davidson died about [illegible] a
month ago. [illegible]
I am beginning to think that
[illegible]

[illegible]

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he is staying a few days longer, for he is both
them & Frank. Quiet days he spends at home
but very slow. Moses, like a model, has
very good natured, he is now on the
back floor of Dr Gray's for his fiddles. He
is very anxious to get the violin you sent
him. He walks down to show some
times to Coff. at the Patrick in Schneider
& Clegg's grocery. I hope he will get a
letter to-day as it is so long since we
heard from you. I dreamed last night
you had come home, but dreams also
go by contrary. My dear I hope you general
health is good. Our hopes and thoughts
shall see you dear again. You are con-
tinually in my thoughts, and I wonder when

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we shall meet again. I hope Catherine
marries in as pleasantly as usual for you
tell her I hope to repay her in some way
for all her kindness to you. Also Mrs G.
they certainly have treated you with those
affection often as I wish your people show it
dear. Does Brother & you do anything
him, my model, do you not see them? Hope
you are in good spirits with them. Give
him my love and Mary too. I have not
heard from Fleur yet. I hope there is
not a letter for me from you in that mail
bag that was lost last week. It would be
I believe. I enclose a letter from Mrs
Pringle & Jane. I am my dear
Yr. I send you a letter from Andrew Dutton

Remember me to Miss Gibbs and
family, Mr Hassell and the
Poffers, Mrs Olden, and all
other friends. I am sorry Tom
is not behaving well. But she
will be brought up with
a short turn some of these
days. I find my back and
head very comfortable in-
deed now a days when I
go out [illegible] Murray [illegible] the tops.
I cannot get any thing unless
I give them for nothing $2.50
or something like that. I would
rather keep them. My [illegible]
want my Squirrel trimming
but for almost nothing and
every thing else just the same.
Remember me kindly to the
Neapolitan boatman [illegible]
for $2.50 [illegible]

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Xmas tree

Decorations

Received Jany 19. 75

Old Town
San Diego
Jany 6th 1875.

My dear Husband.

I wish you a Happy New Year, but fully expected from what Mr Inside and Capt Wilcox told me of your business that you would be with us on New Year's day, I am disappointed, and can say no more except, that when you wrote Che Corinne would return to New York on the 16th, I knew then that you would not think of leaving her so soon, your "Betrothed," to come to me, But your business first I suppose, and I must be content to drag out the weary days, or find consolation in some other quarter which I do not think I will

do yet awhile, although "turn about is fair play" Well I recieved an notice from the Telegraph Office in New Town, that there was some money there for Frank Whaly 4.30 in Currency which Frank recieved and handed to me. Many thanks, as it came to hand two days before the New Year set in, with it, I bought a few presents for the children, and some wood, and have two or three dollars left. It made us all feel quite comfortable. I am also in receipt of a letter from you dated the 21st Dec, for which I thank you, your letters are always welcome, although you cut them very short of late, from 30 or 40 pages to 3 or 4, quite an abridgement, but you time no doubt is more pleasantly employed and I am content. The Holidays passed more pleasantly than I expected, as we had no means to purchase anything, but we managed to make things look as if we had, so no one was the wiser, I send you a paper containing a notice of the E. L. C.'s christmas arrangement, in which I was obliged to take part so as to ensure success, for which I have been feeling badly ever since, but what's the odds, as long as the children think they had a good time. I got up a Santa Claus for them with the Mask you sent them and Corinne's pink Domino, all of which has been spoken of far and wide. I put

my Ermine Collar on the tree for Nannie, and twelve yards of the Pineapple dress for her, and the other eighty yards for Violet, the handsomest things on the tree. George a few cravats then made for him and Frank together with a pair of pearl sleeve buttons for 50 cts I bought him, he was well pleased, but said he would rather it had all been a violin. He is now trying to make himself a violin, it looks pretty well, but not just the thing exactly. I got three presents, a set of mats Violet made me, a Sachet Case to perfume my clothes in the drawer, and a Silver Cup lined with Gold, from the dollar Store in Hardtown. Robert Murray of the Mission

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Feb

1875

Received Febry 23/75

San Diego. Feb 8th 1875.

My Dear Father,

I now take up my pen to write you a few lines. I hope you are enjoying good health. The C. L. C. club have given some nice parties. We all wish you was here to enjoy them. I hope my cousins are well. please give my love to them. And tell Cossie to write to me as I would like to hear from her very much. I would like to go to New York and see the snow and all the nice things. The river came down this winter it was not ~~bigger~~ as big as the one last winter but it lasted longer it is still running. I wish to be remembered to Minnie and Alice Puffer. With much love and many kisses I still remain your affectionate daughter

Violet E. Whaley.

Recd Febry 23 1875

San Diego Feb 8 1875

My Dear Papa

It is so long since I have written to you that I must write you a letter today. We are all well at home and hope you are the same. We all passed a very pleasant New Year. There was a dance. Violet sends her love to you and says she will write a letter to you today. Old town is growing worse and worse everyday. everybody is going away from here. I hope you will be home pretty soon for I want to see you very much. The River came down a few weeks ago. It has been raining

very heard and that is what made the River come down. I still go to School and I am learning very fast. This is a very short letter but as it is very dull here there is anything to talk about so I must leave of now. With much love and many kisses I remain

Your loving child
Corinna Le. Wheley.

P.S. Give my love to all my Cousins and also to Mr Puffers little girls and tell them to write to me.

Mexical Friday 23 [illegible]

Dear Jessie

Your very welcome letter came to hand safely, we are all delighted on the 8th inst, for a letter from you and always when I get it I think of the days when we used to be children together. Yes one also is left to me, the only one of my family, the Mexicans are very kind to me, also the Mexicans are very kind to me, I have received a letter from Mary Jane, I suppose you have received it by this time, nothing doing, but everybody has great hopes of the Civil Rights coming out all right, we are at Mrs Smith's and enjoyed ourselves very much, we have a very pretty garden, it is quite a treat to walk through it, I do wish you could come out, the "Cacti Social Club" gave Mrs Smith a party before she left on the wedding night, two days ago we received the sad news of Mr Lowe's death, I wrote to Mrs Lowe

some old folks, usually some
of them were friends of our fa-
ther's, and they would come in our set-
ting Bible building, I think, make
us kneel down, pray, and put
us to bed. Not for my father
is very strong on morals, and
he will have no truck with
idolatry of any kind. The Bible
is made up of stories of Adam
and Eve, Noah and the Ark,
Jonah and the whale, and
the Garden of Eden. Cain was
the first man born of woman
and he killed his brother Abel
because God favored Abel's
offering of the Calf instead of
his own. Cain was the first
murderer. The boys in the
town since I have been out
of school have taken up
the story and are making
it very uncomfortable for
Abel. They do not allow
any indication of thinking, not
anything, at any rate as he is some
heard from. Abel is now a
person of importance, being
the only man, girl, or child
left on the earth. Cain
is now the big man, and
he is going to try
things he seems to think
this house is his and does
not belong to anyone else. I
think he has this idea
because we got to tell him
that we would do so he said
he would permit Bell to
come to Rochester and live here if I get
married and Bell said I guess
this house belongs to the Old
Folks pretty much, and perhaps
it will be the Old Folks home
for the Old Folks when cows have
to be sent out for them
to live and do as they please, then
you may talk to Father about
the house. I think he was thinking
of something else when he said
he could not have the house
come down if I did not wish it
but I get given have it, he said
he thought he spoke and I
threatened to throw him out
he called me a fool and he came down
off his high horse right away.
He is a good boy, nevertheless
but he has ideas of his own
about people. Let about things
and like to have things his own
way too much. He is looking for-
ward to being twenty-one, for
then he can be his own master, and
vote. I tell him he is pretty much
his own master now, he is losing
a sweetheart, he does not grow
much, but seems contented
and satisfied with his work
seems a little jealous that
George Poulter is part
owner of the Falls. I think he is

one half inch if not more he has been mistaken for Frank over and over again. when his back is turned George still plays on the violin he made, and can play any dancing time going, but playing on such an instrument will ruin him soon for a good one, with a few lessons, he would make a good player, It is threatening rain again. The grass is very green all over. We are all pretty well at present, and hope you are too. It seems to me that you never will come home, I cannot imagine how your mother can bear to see you away from your family, she has no home for her family, so I suppose she thinks you have none. We are all the time asking one another when do you think Pa will come home. The answer is "I do not know all around" Mrs Bodie says the way to fetch you, is for me to tell you that the new law now in regard to desertion for a divorce, is one year away from home will procure it, I do not entertain any idea of Divorce, but people joke con-

(Read this alone)

New York, Feby 10 ~ 1875.

My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 27th ult, post marked the 29th came to hand last evening, making good time considering the season. Enclosed in it I found a letter from Mrs Ringgold and one from Mrs Burtsells. I regret not being able to give Mrs B the information she desires, not having heard anything from Chalmers lately in regard to her matters though I have written to him for information. I will however write to her to relieve her mind. I have finished Mrs B's letter to you and regret that misfortune has overtaken them and infer that they are recovering from it.

I am very glad to hear from you dear Nan and that you and the children are in good health. Be of good cheer. I do not think that you will have to wait much longer before you will be in more comfortable circumstances, (My mother having signed an agreement, to which I assent,) there is a prospect of all differences being settled and my getting some money soon. I enclose you a copy of it. In a few

Mr Ridgway will have the deed drawn, to be signed by the Surrogate, ordering a distribution of the cash funds on hand; and as soon as I have the handling of it, I promise to send you some money — (according to the agreement, in consideration of her children securing to her an annuity of $1200, to be paid quarterly in advance during her natural life, she is to release her dower in and convey and transfer to them as tenants in common all property real and personal belonging to the estate, and all property real and personal belonging to her or standing in her name, (other than the annuity and her books, wearing apparel and furniture and such jewelry as is specified in an inventory) and the books, vouchers evidences of debt and papers of every description relating thereto. To secure the payment of the annuity the children enter into a covenant with their mother and give a mortgage on No 3 Mott St property as security for the faithful and prompt payment thereof — besides the proceeds of two certain mortgages (amounting to $3.000 due about the 1st of May next) an set apart for the purchase of U.S. Government or N.Y. State or City bonds, to be deposited in some Trust Company, as a sinking fund to be drawn upon in case of the failure of rents from No 3 Mott St. or of the children or either of them making good the amount or their respective share thereof — and in case they fail or refuse to refund the amount to the Trust Company it will be deducted from their share at a final distribution.)

As the real estate will belong to the children nothing will prevent them from selling it at any time — the Brooklyn property may be sold or divided immediately without interfering with the arrangement made: But the times are not good for selling real estate at present — the probability therefore is that only the common lots will be sold and the eight intermediate ones divided allowing each to do with them as they wish either to hold or sell — We have the right to sell the Mott St at any time subject to the mortgage of $5.000. or $6000 for the security of the annuity — or we may at any time purchase from some insurance Company an annuity of $1200 a year (which would probably cost from $5000 to $6000) and divide the balance of the proceeds of 3 Mott St as well as the $3.000 in Trust Company — So long as we do not sell 3 Mott St it is better not to buy the annuity — and it may perhaps

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the better for us not to buy it even after the property is sold on account of the advancing age of mother - in which case we will get in the end our full share of the property - though we must remain out of eight thousand dollars (two thousand each) and contribute individually about $150 each per annum till her death. I am inclined to think that this will be the best way - it will be taking the chance we may make or lose money by it - depending upon the length of time the survivors of the insurance companies find it profitable to pay an annuity of $1200 for five or six thousand cash down - why may not we save this sum? It will take six or seven years to exhaust six thousand dollars with the accumulating interest - She may not live so long and she may live longer - that no one can tell.

A great many papers have to be signed before all the arrangements are completed. Understand that they are all about completed the mortgage on the mill & we will be ready to send to Henry probably tomorrow. Soon after

by the order of the Mortgagee to get my share of the cash on hand, but before the Mortgage lots on Sander Street can be sold, the mortgage from Henry must have been returned, the under standing being that nothing is not to be disturbed, to any of the property here then — besides before a sale of the property can be made, Henry and his wife and you will have to find a power of attorney to some one to sign for him and the dower of his wife and yours — It will take some time yet before everything can be settled up — and as the real estate market is very dull I may not want to see it can be done. But as the probability is that the price of real estate will be no better under from three to five years, I am considering whether it would not be better to sell at once, instead of waiting and taking the chances of improvement. The money which I will receive now, after paying bills and other expenses, is not as much as I would wish it to be — to pay debts and make us comfortable in our present necessities — It will take the whole of it and

we will be without a dollar of income whereas if the property should be sold and the proceeds divided I should have as my share several thousand dollars more - somewhere from five to eight thousand dollars, on the interest of which at from 1½ to 2% per month we might live pleasantly comfortably. I cannot see what is best to be done, now, as it will require some consideration - In any event I shall be better off than we have been for some time past. I shall be free from all Mr. Ashby's creditors and we will be rested better and in case I wish to engage in any business I can do so to advantage. Besides the property and the mortgages of $2000, the $15000 in U.S. Trust Co; we know of about $2500 in Mr Hassell's hands, about $500 in B.L. Hassell's hands, $800 in Williamsburg Savings Bank - All of which becomes the property of the children also the Cemetery plots at Williamsburgh and Greenwood - Mother agrees to turn over everything - the accounting for this purpose will go on - and she will be compelled to give up everything to them as we can and be to discover it - There is no doubt but what she has considerable money invested in savings banks &c - but it will remain for us to find it out. and until we are satisfied that that she has turned over everything or that we are unable to make her disclose any more we shall not release her from responsibility. The Claude to secure her against any diminution of her annuity was put in to save her from the recovery of a judgment which our Pollard a woman brings suit for $15000 damages sustained by falling down a grating in front of Mouat's. we in no wise become responsible for the payment in case of recovery. Meadam the responsibility of the cost of this matter and as the party is satisfied that she can recover nothing from mother there is no doubt but that the matter will be compromised for less than it

will cost to defend. He have offered to settle the matter for two hundred dollars but the woman lawyer asks six hundred. and so the matter stands.

I have written you sufficiently fully about my matters here. and you can judge for yourself what the chances are of my return home soon. God knows I long to return and see you once more and I shall not delay starting longer than I can possibly help.

Febry 13. 1875. I commenced this several days ago I will now finish it briefly and write again more fully in a day or so in answer to yours of the 17th Jany. I find that I have not written since the 20th of last month at which time I enclosed you a Post Office order for $20.00 payable to Mrs Thomas Whaley or Anna E. Whaley. I have forgotten which, but I suppose you will get it all the same. I sent Frank the 3d of February the "California Calculator" being a new system of arithmetic which I wish him to study and teach to the children. as it is very handy and useful, much more so than that which we were taught at Schore. On the 8th I sent Frank Santoni

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Printing Circular giving the prices of many things in reference to his business, which I think will be interesting to him. Let me know what he thinks of the Printing Press on the outside cover. With such an outfit he could do more than all the business of San Diego. I sent Mr Moore to day a Post Office order for $23.85 being net proceeds of sale of honey, enclosing it in a letter to him and requesting him to pay City, County and State tax on Block 489 (belonging to Cathcart upon which he gave the mortgage to Capt Vincent,) advertising as "Unknown" for the years 1873 & 1874, which I hope he will pay for me and save any additional costs.

The agreement is signed by my mother and the children – Mr McGlynn representing Harry, and all necessary papers to carry out the provision are either made or being made out – Those necessary for you and Harry & his wife will be forwarded probably by Wells Fargo Express, tomorrow – I think quite likely some day next week the order

for the distribution of the cash on hand and the carrying out of the provisions of the agreement will be made and that shortly thereafter I shall be in funds, when I will send you something for your immediate use and purpose in making arrangements for returning home as soon as I can possibly. The only thing that may detain me longer will be the immediate disposition of the property, but as this seems an exceedingly dull for disposing of real estate, I do not think it likely that it will be detained on this account. I am anxious to sell but not at any great sacrifice but unwilling to wait more than a few months as I must have more money than coming from immediately. The amount I will receive now will not be much more than sufficient to pay our debts and to make us comfortable. It may be I shall not be able to pay all that we owe immediately but our creditors will have the satisfaction that they will not have long to wait. Do not let people know the amount which I am to receive in all. I would rather have them to think that the sum is larger than it will be. No harm done to have them think that we have plenty of means.

The weather has been extremely cold for several days past and it has been as much as I could do to keep comfortable in consequence of which I have not been any where lately. I have not seen Emma for three weeks! I suppose she thinks that I have gone back to California, neither have I got seen Mrs Lord. In a few days the weather will moderate and I shall feel more like going the rounds than I have done lately. The settlement of affairs has engaged my thoughts to the entire exclusion of every thing else and has worried me considerably for the past three or four weeks, more so than at any other time since my arrival here. I have not felt like going any where and

have passed nearly all my time at Ridgeways office in daily expectation that the settlement would be made by the advances made to day in affairs I felt much interested, believing that only a few days more will pass before everything shall have been completed. It has been a long and hard fight, and I would not undertake it again to have to sacrifice all that I have for twelve months the money I shall in the end receive. though I thank God that I have won what I contended for — My mother doubtless feels very sore against me, but no doubt will relent when everything is finally arranged as during the remaining years of her life she will have nothing further to bother her. She will be a thousand pounds better off with her annuity of £1200. than to be in possession of all the property with the trouble of looking after it. — I did not ask for sending a copy of the agreement but to do so would

detain this letter on Sunday – it is about as I have stated it to you in the former part of this letter.

I see Otho very frequently. He and I are good friends. He generally stays with me when in town, though sometimes at Livi's. He has been in town for three days past. We were together at his daughters last evening. He returned home this afternoon (Saturday) and will be here again on Monday to complete signing papers which are to be sent to California and to make some compromise of property with Mrs Rolland, the woman who fell through the grabbing no C notes &c. I think we can settle it for a little money – when she ascertains fully that there is nothing to be got from mother by suit. But enough of these matters. I intended to have sent Nannie a valentine but did not think of it till it was too late to arrive on time – but presume she will as well as the others have something handsome in line of it.

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I might refer to some things in your last letter but have not the time now. I hope you will take good care of yourself and that on my return home, which I believe will be soon, to find you and the children all in good health to enjoy the many things which it is my intention to take with me. Remember me to Lindy. Kiss all the children for me and believe me as ever your fond and devoted husband

H. W. Kelly

4 and says he supposes we might have
to wait for it [illegible] him to do so
as you [illegible] wanted it done [illegible]
by the time [illegible] but
I think he does not want to [illegible]
said he if we would do some work
for him at the [illegible] — the Evening
did not understand the Matter
and wished him to go [illegible] the
account again to [illegible] as they
are working for time as [illegible]
only [illegible] about the [illegible]
for the [illegible]
every [illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible] the [illegible]

Recd. March 1876.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and can give you [illegible]
[illegible] as to the
time of [illegible] offers
There [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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a way as [illegible] being as little as
possible for I think he want the
whole lot and then he can
front all his lots on ~~B~~ Brooklyn [illegible]
there is some scheme [illegible] to
get as mutch of it as possible
the law [illegible] it if possible
so how it will go I can not
say [illegible] again on [illegible]
next [illegible] some Estate
agent He says [illegible] can be [illegible]
will [illegible] every thing [illegible]
to [illegible] Ferris [illegible] so you must
not think to get all we want [illegible]
Ridgway will get [illegible]
[illegible] and

3 a way as not to be at the [illegible]
advantage I think from the way
they talk it will be sold 2½
lots on Bergen St & 2½ lots on Dean
St if so it will make a great
difference if we can sell in
small plots on Brooklyn Av it
would [illegible] double but I suppose
the referee will give due to the
Judge this is all the information
[illegible] about it
I can [illegible] your [illegible] it remains
as to [illegible] account [illegible] I
[illegible] when [illegible]
have [illegible] the [illegible]
about [illegible]
write again [illegible] but now

No [illegible]

4 [illegible]

[illegible] only to urge upon you
Attorney to come on as soon
as you can [illegible] of your
account [illegible] to
tell the family and [illegible]
[illegible]
all [illegible]

5 [illegible]
and as soon a[illegible]
a further [illegible] [illegible] no
difference a[illegible]
make a [illegible]
Attorney Gen[illegible]
as it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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6 Glad to hear you are [illegible]
Your house [illegible]
though all right. We not done
yet but to stop it means I am
living in it [illegible] though really
done some painting & mantels
to get off about 200 will finish
it I hope inside 100 for the
outside blinds the weather has
been very mild so far to day it
cold but it can not last long
Business is dull here yet though
doing I hope our bill will not
of all come difficulties in good
time as we are all enjoying
7 good health am glad to say so
as that I [illegible] have been rather un-
healthy you must handle [illegible]
and get them to come on with
and find as I think it will
make a great difference to his
as well as yours as to getting a
loan on your place I think
impossible as not for the truth
at house is owned by Mr [illegible]
Mortgage other [illegible]
have held on [illegible]
Brooklyn [illegible]
[illegible]
the land or divided as they are

Old Town
San Diego
Feby 25th 1873

My dear husband—

I am in receipt of your of the 10th & 13th. Am delighted to hear that things are coming to a head, and that you will be able to return soon to us, as God knows it is time you did come home to have some rest of mind and body. It has been a long and tiresome fight both for you and us all, but perhaps it is all for the best. I cannot see that trouble is all for the best, but they say that everything that goes wrong in this world is productive of some good sometime.

A. C. Makey

you seem to think that I have not been as patient as I ought to have been. I cannot see that I have shown much impatience, but having been sick so much I may have been fretful and complained a little. My health is a little better now, but the least over exertion pulls me right down, I suppose it is all consequent upon the change that evil comes over me suddenly some time or other.

Mr Richardson of New London sent Frank a free ticket to his Complimentary Masquerade ball on the evening of Washington's birthday, so Frank begged me to go with him and Nan I refused for fear of being sick next day, and he said there were so many depending upon me to go, that I consented and he went as Chaperone to a large crowd from Old Lyme, 20 at least whom Frank sold tickets to. Ladies free in mask. The Club, "Clavelis" Chartered the stage for $60.00 and we all went for little or nothing. There were at the Masquerade at least 500 people very uncomfortable for dancing, after I took my mask off I refused to dance any more. I wore the Pink domino you sent in the trunk, a pink muslin half mask trimmed with black lace, a perfect disguise no one knew me till I took my mask off. Nannie I dressed as an Italian brunette, with the spangled bodice

deal to reproach herself for, treating you so badly but it is a long lane that has no turn. For my part I shall be delighted to see you once more, and have all go slick. I am astonished that you have not seen Corinne for "three weeks" you ought to go often as usual, and think the world and all of both Mr G. and the. They have been so kind to you. I will not write much this time, as I enclose a letter to Corinne which please deliver in person. I feel tired today to-day, but will write soon again.

All send love and kisses to you, and believe me your loving and devoted Wife
A. E. Whales

Grandfather's heart is with the children
My feet a little

or fast day, and they all depended upon me as chaperone, so no harm done. The children are all well and are anxious to see you again. I hope your health is good now and that you will come home feeling the better for your trip. I do not expect you till I see you. I saw Mr Morton he thinks you will arrive almost any day. The Rail Road is gone up till next Session of Congress I think. I have no news at all everything very dull. I received the P. Office order and presented it and got the money, may thanks, it always comes in good time. You must begin to feel as if you were nearing home now, and your mother must have a great

and head dress, and gor-
geous pin you sent in
the trunk, and yellow
tarlet an skirt and loaves
all sent to us by you, and
a small mark for 20 ch.
She looked very well,
and was very much com-
plimented in both papers.
Frank went as a little
green horn irishman and
looked and acted the
character to perfection, he
won the second prize.
The boatman shirt I sent
to an intimate friend of
Frank's. He had a jolly
time of it, and I stayed
in bed all day next day
so as not to get sick.
Mrs Chetwood came up to
see me hopping mad because
we went in Lent, but I
told him it was a national
holiday, and not a fast

New York, Feby 27th 1875

My dear Wife.

Your welcome letter of the 8th inst, came to hand the 23d. I am very glad to hear that you are all for once well, and hope you will continue so — also to hear that the P.O. order for $20 came safely to hand.

My matters are progressing towards a final settlement. The papers for you & Nancy to sign will be ready to send in a few days when I will write more definitely. I have been paid a small portion of the money coming to me at the present time — the balance I hope to receive by the time the papers are sent —

I have been able to pay off some of my indebtedness here, and have sent to Frank a telegraphic order for $50.00 to day — for the purpose of

paying the taxes on Cuthbert's Block No 489 advertised for sale for

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| City Tax for 73 to Unknown | $4.55 | |
| " " " 74 to — | 3.68 | $8.23 |
| County & State 73-74 to — | 3.12 | |
| " " 74-75 to — | 2.18 | 5.30 |
| Total for City County & State | | $13.53 |

City Tax was advertised for Feby 18. County & State for Feby 25. 1875.

I wrote Mr Moore to pay these taxes for me, but my letter may not have reached him in time, and as I had the money I thought I would send Frank the money and telegraphed him to do so. As the sale was to be continued from day to day for three weeks I hope I hope he will get the money in time before the property is sold to save further expense. but should it have been sold, and anything can be saved by redeeming it at once, I would like this to be done. Mr Moore will be able to tell you. The balance of the $50, after paying the tax, I telegraphed Frank was for Mama. I was under the impression that I had paid the taxes on this property for 73 as well as for 74. This might be if included in my list of property and still be assessed as delinquent to Unknown owners. It would be a wise thing for to look among the tax bills to see if I have paid it and also to examine the tax books under my name and amongst the Unknown to see if it is marked "paid" — Should you find the bills or find it marked "paid" there will be no necessity of paying the taxes again. Ask Mr Battaile please to examine into this matter for me — and in case Mr Moore or Frank have paid the money, I think it can be recovered.

In addition to the $50 sent Frank, I enclose herewith a Post Office order No 85,684 for $50.00 payable to the order of Mrs Anna E. Whaley; for you to use as economically as possible and trust to be able to send or bring you more soon.

I have had a great deal of trouble in way or other, but will not worry you

property to be sold and a final distribution takes place except that it will be necessary to secure the annuity to widow.

If I decide upon the latter I will remit to a sufficient amount so that you and Mr Morse may settle my affairs. It may be necessary to make some compromise to enable us to retain something to live with till such time as the property can be sold. But concerning this can nothing at present save the worst. It is a very bad time indeed to dispose of real estate now — in a month or two we can judge what will be for the best — to sell then or wait an indefinite time for an improvement in things. Probably by the time the papers are returned from California we shall be able to judge.

If I decide upon the former it will not be many days after the receipt of my money before I am on the way with it home. I shall remain here only long enough to protect the few things I wish to save — probably not longer than the papers are returned.

signed by you and Henry having a power of attorney to transact all my business with Sonny. It might not then be compelled to return him again and would be willing to take the chances on it.

I am sick and tired of being here and require rest and relief from the great worriment of mind to which I have been sorely afflicted during the past two years.

I have seen your Cousin Corinne but once since I last wrote you. She and children were then well & I intend going to see her again soon. I have not seen your Cousin Hannie. The fact of the matter is owing to the bad weather and the manner in which I have been so sorely tried I have not felt like going anywhere much. You and I have been together considerably during the past two months — We are good friends. I was at his house from Saturday till Tuesday last. His wife and family are well — He left for home this afternoon & will be here again Wednesday or tomorrow Sunday — I am going to dine with

my former letter and will read to his little girls the letters sent by Violet and Lillie. I am glad to receive their letters. I have for them as well as for the others two handsome rings each. I hope that the children are all kind & considerate to you, and take care that you do not overfatigue yourself with work. Some time next week I will go to see the youngs and deliver your message to Mrs Gibbs and Joel. Was there last evening with Mrs. They wish me always to convey their love to you. I have heard in reply to Mrs Ringgold. She is anxious to know something concerning her husband's property. Will you ask Mr Gattano to please request Chalmers to inform her if he has done or expects to do anything with it. Her address is Mrs Col G. H. Ringgold. Aiken. South Carolina. I must now close my dear wife. With much love to

you and the children and a full
world of kisses, and with the ex-
pectation of seeing you all soon
I remain as ever—

Your fond & loving husband
Th. Dwhally

I will add that notwithstanding
the weather and all else besides, my
health has been extremely good.

Remember me to Mr & Mrs Moore
Tell them I think the chances of a
R. R. to Van Diggs look slimmer
than ever before — but I long as congress
lets them I hope Mr. Tesll and co. must
and I know he will fulfill the promises
he has made—

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San Diego
March 6th 1878.

My dear Husband.

Your of the 10th Feby came to hand safely. I also received money telegraphed $50.00 for which I am thankful. Also received telegram from you yesterday wishing me to forward John Powers to mortgage dower 3 motts. The telegram reads thus, (and I cannot or Mrs. Morse cannot make out what February 1st means)

"All properly deeded children send John Powers to mortgage dower three Motts February 1st securing annuity — and convey dower on sale. answer

Thomas Whale.

The power Mrs Cleveland has

just drawn up for me and I will send it by mail to-day at two o'clock, will also send you a Telegram to that effect, to-day. I would have sent you the Telegram yesterday but could not exactly understand the Telegram, so I got one more to explain it, that is the reason of the detention of my answer by Telegraph. Mr Cleveland says he thinks this paper is what you want. Have heard nothing from Henry and either one way or the other not have I received any papers from you that you speak of leave me to sign. The children are all well I was quite sick for a few days, up and down all the time, but I must expect this for some time to come, but I will try to be well when you return, which I see will be shortly and right glad we are I know you will be to see me and all the children again. Every Telegram we get we think that is answer unless your departure and it makes one tremble like a leaf. I sent you a letter enclosing one for Corinne I hope you have received it by this time. Give her and all of them my love. I am writing in Mr Cleveland's office so I will close soon. We have the appropriation for turning our rivers which will make Old Town lively this Summer. Guadaloupe Estudillo drove me down to

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Thomas Tobaly.

The power Mr Cleveland has now I own and will take me home, Mr Morse drove me to Cleveland's office, and Mr Cleveland drove me to the Clerk's office in Mr Morse's buggy and took again to his office. So that I am not much fatigued. No Railroad, no news, all quiet. Am delighted to think of your returning soon. The children are wild over Mr. George says don't forget his brother Frank his wife, Do not be to lavish with your money for Frank and I will want a little trip to see mother before the 4th. We all love you very much and want you home. All send love. Your loving and devoted wife.

Anna E Tobaly.

New York, March 19th 1865.

My Dear Wife,

Since writing to you Feby 27th, enclosing P.O. order for $50. and sending ~~[illegible]~~ $50. by telegraph — I sent March 1st, papers to Frank; March 5th, telegram to you for Power of Attorney, and one to Henry to come over and immediately, bringing with him, with the Power of Attorney; March 6th, telegram from you informing me that Power of Attorney had been sent. March 10th, letter from you, enclosing one for Corinne; March 12th, telegram again to Henry to answer the one sent him on the 5th; March 14th, telegram from Henry, who was ~~[illegible]~~ at San Francisco (Mar 10th) informing me, in answer to mine of the 5th, that he would leave for New York the first of May: (This telegram was delayed, being sent to my address owing to some mistake in the Telegraph Office, though received the 10th)

(The Company refunded me the money for telegram sent the 12th) March 16th received Power of Attorney from you and your letter of the 6th. The telegram from Henry being unsatisfactory to me as it would require my remaining there much longer than I wish, and to mother who is anxious to have matters fixed up as speedily as possible, I got John to induce me to telegraph to Henry yesterday the following: "Settlement between children and myself must be made immediately or you will lose money, Answer." I think this will fetch him, especially when I tell he will lose money. I am waiting for an answer from him which will probably come to hand this afternoon or to-morrow morning. If he does not answer in a reasonable time the papers will be sent to him to sign or the settlement may be made without him - with the three children leaving him out of the arrangement entirely, to continue the preceding just when it had left off or to wait till his mother dies for his share in which event, the annuity will be $900 per annum, neither retaining more than for the balance. It would be better for him to come into the arrangement without, but it is not right to keep him, and the others waiting unnecessarily.

It was the intention to have sent the papers off some time ago for you and Henry and his wife to sign - as I informed you some time ago in one of my letters. If expected, certainly, they would have been sent the 28th of February, but there was little delay, finally the 5th of this month I determined to send to you for a power of attorney to authorize John to mortgage dower in No 3 Mill Street, and to convey dower on sale of the property; and to Henry to come on immediately bringing with power to send on him to execute papers for him. This was done by telegraphing. To save the time which had been lost and owing to the probability of Henry not understanding the papers or willing to sign them without explanation, which by letter would

require considerable time — as he is in complete ignorance of all this: has transpired for some time past — besides it was thought that as he would come on to receive his money, he might as well do so at once as to wait — besides as all this property will likely be sold soon he might as well be here to attend to his interest and arrange for many other things. His presence I even thought would facilitate the settlement & matters, with the others, better than it could be done away by an attorney getting for him {Had he started as suggested, he would have been here long ago and things arranged on his}

The words "Debt first" in my telegram, seem to have puzzled you — It is hard for one in a telegram to express clearly in a few words. In the first part I send all property deeded children to in form you that it belonged to them — (the deeds bearing date as of the 1st February then I requested you to send John powers to draw mortgage deeds & mail them February first. "Securing annuity —"

The property having been ceded to the creditors would inform you that I had an equal interest, and according to the laws of New York, you had a dower in it, and to accommodate her annuity it was necessary for you to mortgage this dower, and that the mortgage was of the date of February 1st. some time past previous to the execution of the Power of Attorney to Potter which should be dated ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ after on the day or some time after the execution of the mortgage. I calculated it would most likely be dated some time after the execution of the mortgage of February 1 — most likely at some date after the receipt of the telegram sent March 5th. The law is very particular here respecting the right of the wife giving a power of attorney to any one to mortgage her dower, in property or to convey her dower in property — such an instrument is of no use to mortgage dower or convey dower in property to be mortgaged or conveyed, it can

only be given to property which has been or is about to be mortgaged or conveyed by the husband, particularly describing the property mortgaging or conveying the wife's dower in it.

I have not yet showed the power of attorney to the Peter to know if the power sent by you to John will be satisfactory to mortgage your dower to secure to mother the annuity. I presume that it will be, but the power to John will not be sufficient to convey your dower in the Mary Ann house or Brooklyn property. No sale has yet been made or agreed to, or contemplated at present. I send the telegram without fully consulting the children about it. I have since been informed about the law concerning wife's dower in property. A power of attorney cannot be given by the wife for any contemplated or specified mortgage or conveyance of dower. Such a mortgage or deed must have been made or agreed to, or actually about to take place to be entirely binding. In our case the mortgage has been made and agreed to and of the date of February 1st. I hope it will be of sufficient explanation of the word February 1st in the telegram.

Saturday, March 20, 1875. 3 P.M.

No answer to telegram sent by mother to Henry. It seems strange indeed. I hardly know what to think or to do. I was in hopes I have informed you something definite before sending you this. I have not written since the date the 27th Febry. Since then I have got a letter from my husband, which, this afternoon as I write, I am anxious to hear from me soon, and as soon as I hear from Henry, or something important transpires, I will write to you again. I have a quarrel to inform you about, more than I can do by letter. I have had a great deal of trouble, anxiety and perplexities of many kinds,

enough to drive any [illegible], I dread telling you of them, and [illegible] consignment. All will be right, I hope in the end and I shall be on my way home to Joseph (when with [illegible] the children), all the unhappiness I have experienced during the past two years.

I cannot answer particularly your letters, the last two received, but appreciate fully their contents. I am glad to hear that you and the children have so much enjoyment of the maiquinade bean. I delivered your letter to Connie the day received, [illegible] the way much pleased to get Quoshamie's letter from you and says that she will answer it soon. She has her troubles as well as others. Mr Young has not secured property yet, and a long way from being out of his difficulties. I have seen them but once since the 10th. The fact is I have had a great deal on my mind, much to think and think about. The weather too,

Received April 13th 1875

San Diego Mar 30th 1875

Friend Whaley

I did not answer your "honey" letter, because I had expected you here soon afterwards.

You sold at a very good price, but I am sorry to hear that the market is overstocked, for if that is the case you may well ask the question "what are we going to do with our crop this year." Do you think it can be shipped to Europe at a profit. I have written to Howard to look into the matter there.

I presume judging from my experience there is considerable risk of leakage in shipment

of strained honey by sea.
And comb Honey must be shipped by the Car load to go through safely.
Since the Consolidation of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co & the Union & Central Pacific R.R. Co they have greatly advanced freights, and I would suggest that you obtain the new tariffs from the steam ship & R.R. Cos.
I think the supply will create a greater demand for honey, heretofore it has been difficult to obtain the article even at the high* prices of 40 to 60c per lb, but now the dealers will be anxious to show it out & I have no doubt the consumption will greatly increase. Our people of course will have to sell at very much lower prices, and then in that case very much less will be raised as only those who thoroughly understand the business will be able to make it profitable.
What does Ridgeway think of taking a Car load now?

I send you a daily Union containing list of property sold at tax sales.

I paid on the Crosthwaite block long before I received your letter, knowing you wanted to save it of course.

Crosthwaite is trying to settle a large debt at Mansfie & Co's, by selling them his home-stead in Mission Valley, but as he wants to get some ready money in the trade I dont think they will settle

They have a judgement against him. He talks of moving down on to his Ranch. He told me he had lost most of his cattle during these bad years.
I think he is renting out the grazing on his Ranch, and it ought to pay him well as cattle Ranches are in demand now owing to our "no fence laws".
Chys. Miller told me they were offered $22000. for the 2 League Ranch of Santa Rosa. It adjoins Guadalupe on the West but is not a first class ranch.
Ours, of San Ysidro, lies in "status quo". A Commission appointed by the Govt. of Mexico is expected here this Summer to settle titles in Lower Cal^a.
I only intended to say a word or two, as I think you will be on your way here before this reaches you perhaps and I was very glad to hear that your business was so near a satisfactory close.

Adios C. W. Morse

APR.

1875

My dear Anna.

dated April 5. 75. . . I have just received your your very kind complaint that I have not written to you for some time! do you stand on ceremony with me? dont you know - that my fingers are swollen & stif with old age & that very soon I will not be able to write at all? There you are in San-Diego, four of you, all able to write better than I can & not one of you will take the trouble to write to a poor old Granny who will be, on the 7th June next 72 years old! We were anxiously waiting to hear from you but we are now glad that you feel well. Amelia is not very well; That arrangement three times per week in Oakland fatigues her very much & she begins to complain of fatigue & the hills! poor girl! all summer nothing to do & nothing but trouble, & in winter nothing but fatigue! & now that I cannot help her as I use to do, I am

convinced it is too much for her as she has
Scholars in the City who would come to
me if we did not live on the hill & that
would relieve Amelia very much.
This is the first winter that I have no Scholars
since we are in S. F. The Ladies tell her
we would come to Wm but the hill is
too formidable. & now another trouble!
We are oblige to move. the Land lady
wants her house to come & live in it
herself. So we will all have to dislodge by
the 1st It comes in a bad time for us as
Amelia has no time to look for a place
we intended to move this Summer when
Amelia would have time to look around
The family we hire our Rooms from
wish us to go with them, but we are
not very anxious as Mr & wife
dont agree & it makes it very unpleasant
for us. However, if we cant do any
better, we will have to go & run the
risk to move again.
We have not heard from our poor dear

Peter for-
written a
day or two. I
from him.
How we lo-
Anna! do y
or, is it only
We are comin
as soon as you
to close my
done. Amen
Miss Jones co
with you
& wishes you
come in S.
Poor Miss De
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telling them
Mr & Mrs
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Peter for some time but I have just written & will receive an answer in a day or two. I will not close this till I hear from him.

How we long to see you & Frank dear Anna! do you really mean to come soon? or, is it only to pacify us that you write "We are coming"? Won't you make a move as soon as you can that I may have you all by me to close my eyes? God grant it & his will be done. Amen.

Miss Jones came to see us. She is delighted with your & her visit at your house. & wishes you to come & see her when you come in S. F.

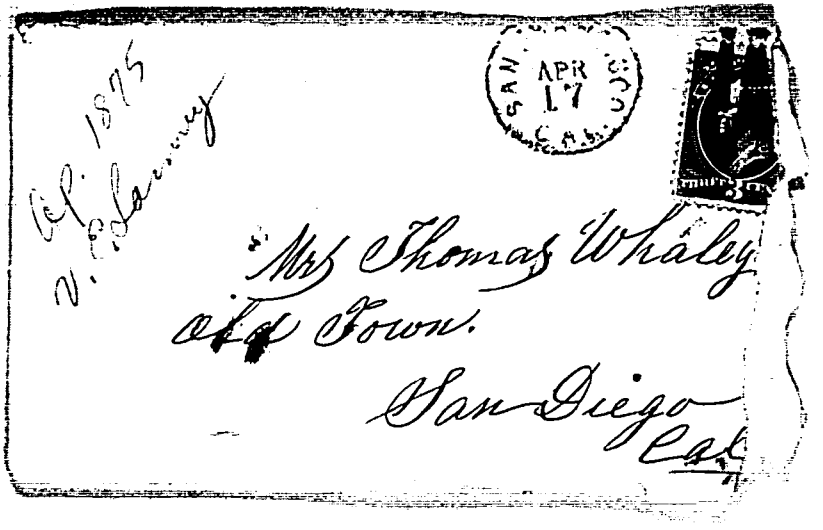
Poor Miss Desrenfbourgs dined with us yesterday (Sunday). I have told you, have I? that she was so badly treated at home that she had to leave. She found a situation in the country & left without telling them where she was going.

Mr & Mrs D. came to us to know if we knew where she had gone, but we knew

but you know nothing about it. as we had not
seen her for a great while. he wanted
to make us believe that she had gone off
with a man but I told him that I
knew she believed it that I had a better
opinion of her than to think she would
do such thing. Jos. then, took his cane,
pap, hat on it, & said, You see that
stove! she came of on account of that hat!
My opinion of him is that he is an old brute
& she an angel. they ought to be
ashamed of themselves.
Miss Dr. Tucker saw in the News paper
that Mrs. Harry was married again!
we heard a very bad report about this
winter, about her, & old Sharron. She
made fortune all at once in the Stocks! &c.
Nothing else. Anna my hand realy hurts.
Write the children from us & much love to
you

Your affectionate
Mother
Lannay.

P.S. Write soon & tell us
we will not have done the 1st.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June 7, 1873

# Horton House,

A. E. HORTON, PROPRIETOR.

Recd Apr 11

San Diego, Cal. April 6th 1875
Old Town.

My dear Husband.

Am in receipt of your March 20th Am sorry to hear that you are not feeling as well as usual, but the cold weather is passing off and I suppose when the warm weather comes on you will feel much better. We are all well at present, especially the children who are quite hearty I have not wept and drooped, to day I feel pretty well, and I find I have not written since the 6th March, so I must send you a few lines to show you that I did not intend

to neglect you, my reason
for not having written before
was that from your previous
letter to March 20" I supposed
you would start for home
soon and was looking for
a Telegram any day to that
effect, but from your last
letter I think you will be
several months yet coming
so I will start in and write
again. Everything is very very
dull nothing doing, and peo-
ple moving from New Town, some
going to San Bernardino, and
Julian. Crosthwaite has given
up his place in Mission Valley
to Manasse & Schiller, and the
family are going to Lower
California to live, it was
all done very quietly, no one
knew of it till it was all
settled. Hartman is not here
he lives in Los Angeles, and
when Hartman was here
he told me the case was
ready to be taken up as
soon as you returned. Morse
has been expecting you home
every day. Nash will return
in a few days from England
and then I suppose he will
begin to trouble me again
for his bill. Manasse seems
to be very anxious for your
return, you would do well
to send them some money
if you can, I think this
account is about as pressing
as any. I wish they were all
dead I guess for they annoy me
much when I go to New
Town stop me on the streets
and want to know when you
are coming, and some say
they do not think you are
coming at all. And so they
go. No rain and the crops
will all fail, San Diego no.

account so far, the talk now is next session of Congress. Old Rose was offered $65,000 for Roseville by (some day,) Stanford and other R.R men, and refused it, every body is indignant towards Rose, and say he is an old fool, and prevents Sandiego from going ahead, especially the Playa, that is so, for it was offered him in Cash, Gold Coin, lying down and a true offer. Horton they say owes $65,000 and is in quite a strait to raise it. The Horton house is well kept now and Jonny Judd is clerk there and gives entire satisfaction, he gets $75.00 a month. Solomon is a clerk at Stimes & Flanders. People do just what ever they can get to do, and glad of it.

A. E. HORTON, PROPRIETOR.

# HORTON HOUSE,

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

landing; it all breaks in upon
the monotony of this place
and gives us something to think
of for some time to come. We
would much rather have you
come along home and be with
us, think how long you have
been away from home, it
seems like a dream to me
dear Josephy, and I long to see
you once more in your old
home then is a great deal
of talking at my expense they
say, which is the use of lonely
in my longer, he is not coming
he has another wife, now
you can get another husband,
Galewood says he will give
me a divorce for nothing but
too, and do they joke, but it
shows the feeling prevailing among
your return. I tell them I
will stay as I am I might
do worse, and perhaps by
waiting I may come out all
right in the end. I am pleased

to hear that Corinne liked my letter, I shall be glad to hear from her. Remember me to them all. I hope you are all safely with them now. And sorry there was any misunderstanding between you and Mrs Young, for he has been very kind to you when you were overly in need of kindness and showed a great deal of concern for you. I think the trouble or feeling was within yourself, jealousy, concerning your "betrothed" you were so much infatuated with her, and (the only reason to be kind and flirty a little with you, you allowed your feeling to carry you away and then she not wanting to, in response to your several letters you sent to France really embittered you against them all, and you could not hide those feelings, and Mrs Young not knowing the circumstances thought you did not care to do him a favor. I am sorry for its sake, as it prevented you

Read first to yourself

New York April 1st 1872

My dear Wife,

I wrote you the 26th March in answer to yours of the 4th enclosing the Power of Attorney received the 27th. I have been daily expecting to hear from you and have been over to Brooklyn day after day in hope of getting a letter. I suppose the reason you have not written is because you expected I would be for this I might have been on my way home.

I must write you a few lines without waiting longer for a letter from you to relieve your mind from your very much concerning me. and in the course of a few days I should hear from you then write again more fully.—

The same day I telegraphed to you for the power of attorney, I telegraphed to Henry to come on immediately and bring with him a power from his wife to sell

on him to sign papers – I did not hear from him till the 14th though the telegram was dated the 10th. For some reason or other it was delayed. He was then in San Francisco. He said he had to return home and would leave for home, Nashville, May 1st. Before I got his message I telegraphed him on the 12th to another name of the 5th but received no answer. On the 18th mother telegraphed to Henry to come on – not receiving any answer I telegraphed to his wife on the 24th, but received no answer – both time and money wasted – It had been my object to have him come on to complete the agreement with mother, thus to save him which sending the papers on to him would occasion. but I was defeated in my object and finally on the 27th March the papers were sent to him and his wife to sign with full information of all that has transpired for more than a year past – and requesting him to telegraph on receipt of the papers that he and wife had signed them and when he would leave for Nashville, warning him to come on immediately as it was impossible for me to remain longer from home than actually necessary – that as he had to come to get his money he might as well do so at once instead of waiting till May 1st besides it would clear the little man and keep us all out of our money on his age – that if he delayed or did not come to get his money – the arrangement fixed with all the children would be made with three of them leaving him to prosecute matters when I had left off or to wait till the worthless death to get his share. but that it would be better for him to join in the agreement &c. The papers and letter sent him the 27th inst. have reached him on Sunday and to day I should have received a telegram from him, but none has come and I should not be surprised if he does not send any at all. Perhaps I shall be obliged to hear from him by due course of mail, provided he answers, which will

be about the 18th or 20th of the month. I feel indeed too bad after I have had so much trouble to be kept waiting on his account perhaps because he begrudges a few dollars to send a telegram. Until he does come or send the papers on signing, the agreement is not complete and I cannot get all the money coming to me from the sale of the property. I have received some on account, I know not say how much or in what manner. Sufficient for you at present to know that I have had a great deal of trouble, more than ever before afflicted with. I have been crushing by disappointment almost to the earth and my troubles at times have been almost more than I could bear and but for you and the children and the hope of seeing you again one of these days I would have put an end to my existence.

All will be right I believe but when or how soon is more than I can tell. Had Henry come on when I telegraphed him the 6th of Mar all would be right with me now, and I

might be spending my way homeward. For several days past I have been busy buying many things for you and the children and if I can do nothing more at present I am determined that you and the children shall have a comfortable outfit in the way of clothing. I have about completed all the purchases and I think some time the first part of next week I shall be able to pack the trunk or case off. There will be a bustle and contain many humble presents and useful things for you and the children. It has been a great pleasure to me in making the collection and diverted my mind to some extent from the great trouble which I have. I cannot enumerate all the things, but will send you a complete list of all of them when I have shipped the trunk or case. I expect every day that you will receive the watches, curiosities, trunk ~~& trunks~~ a banjo, Mamma a guitar, George a violin & harmonicon, Pearl the dress lum patterns and little Model clothes.

as these things are all nice I am sure you will be very pleased — besides the comfortable clothing of all kinds are I know be most acceptable.

Do not say to any one that I have any trouble in particular — and perhaps for the present it will be as well not to make mention to any one that I am sending you presents or any extraordinary amount of clothing. I have my reasons for requesting this which at present I will not name to you but may at some future time, perhaps in my next letter. Some times I think I will return home immediately leaving everything just as it is — then I think perhaps it will be better to remain — I hardly know what is for the best — time and circumstances alone can determine and I must be guided accordingly. I hope you will not worry before I do so and the children. If there was nothing

might soon be settled. I have not seen any body or been any where lately — I lead a most miserable life and shall be glad when there will be an end to it.

I hope that you and the children will like the presents and other things I am about to send to you — if I had more money I would buy finer things and more of them. perhaps some day I shall be able to do so —

I have not heard from him more since I sent the P.O. order for the payment of the money. I suppose he thinks that I am or ought to be on my way home — which in fact I think I should be the case. Give my regards to him and his wife. Tell him I have a great deal to inform him about, that has transpired since I said him.

I hope to be with you soon — God knows the desire of my heart and the work I pray. With much love and kisses to our children — from your own dear poppets.

Yours ever

Friday April 9, 1875 [illegible]

I am about to make this.
Nothing from Henry to day —
With I have from [illegible]
Sending back of [illegible]
[illegible]

I find Nothing [illegible]
[illegible] I'll write again [illegible]
As to day I [illegible]
[illegible]
My writing a long letter day [illegible]
[illegible] Nothing

New York. April 23 – 1865.

My Dear Wife.

I wrote you the 17th enclosing Bill of Lading of effects shipped on that day overland. On the 19th I received your letter of the 6th which was most welcome, relieving my mind of much anxiety. As I had supposed you had not written because you were expecting me home. I am very glad to hear that you were all so well, and looking forward with pleasure to my return and the trunk of things to relieve the monotony of the little time I may be able to make my appearance. You seem to think that I may be detained here several months longer in consequence of what I had written in a letter of the 20th of March. I do not believe that it will be, at least I hope that such will not be the case. I wrote that Henry had telegraphed that he would leave the 15th and I am expecting him to arrive about the 25th or 26th of this month. I shall do all I can to hasten the progress of things. After the signing of the agreement by him that document will then be complete and I see nothing

ing to prevent the distribution of the cash funds of the estate, whereby I shall be in the possession of from two to three thousand dollars, and with this amount I think I may safely venture to return home as I shall have the means ordinarily enough to pay all I owe. Therefore, dear Anna I think you may reasonably expect me soon, and if possible before the 28th May, the second anniversary of my departure. I wish however for you to continue to write regularly as usual in case any thing should prevent the carrying out of my present determination. The day I leave I will telegraph you.

Some you say, seem to doubt my ever returning home, maybe some of my creditors, who think that they will lose their money. They need have no apprehension about me. They will receive every dollar I owe them. though perhaps whenever some of them would gladly accept of much less. I have a mind of testing their confidence by remitting money in advance of my arrival to Moore to purchase at a discount any claims that you may approve of as correct from those who lack faith in my confidence, and it would serve them just right for me to do so. But say nothing about this to any one. I might perhaps be able in this way to save something. When they annoyed you about bills you could say "Mr Moore has confidence in Mr Whaley, go to him and he will cash your bills at a discount, provided they are approved by me!" I hate to do such a mean thing, but it would really serve some of them right. Parthenia Nash. We will think of this hereafter, whether judicious, or not.

I wrote you about the way in which I had been swindled out of my money by Ridgway the 24th February which prevented my return home before now. But for this mean rascality I should have been at home by the 15th of March. I sent you of the security I had upon his property by mortgage which became due the 20th March, that he had failed to pay the same, and that in consequence we had commenced a foreclosure suit. The difficulty we had experienced in serving papers on Mr Ridgway, who is in New Jersey, and of the application we had made to the Court for a substitution of service. This order was granted several days ago and on the 21st we succeeded after much difficulty in serving a copy of Summons and complaint at his residence in Rockaway. It was done

in the evening an empty bottle was wrapped up in a paper with the papers around it and given by the person serving to the Servant girl who took it supposing that it was a package for her mistress. As soon as delivered the person said "That is a copy of the Summons & Complaint upon Mrs Ridgway in a suit against her by Thomas & Wm. T. Whaley." She at once said that she had been forced notwithstanding the instructions given her by Mr Ridgway not to accept of any bills or papers coming to the House. They must now wait twenty days for answer by Ridgway & wife who undoubtedly will put in one to gain all the time they possibly can, and no doubt will try to stave off the prosecution of the case till the fall term.

I shall not wait here for these proceedings to be carried on. It is not necessary that I should do so. I can do no good. The matter of foreclosure is a plain straightforward proceeding — the papers speak for themselves, and I have been confirmed in W. W. Goodrich Esq, who is recommended to me by Mr Ruffin, that he will push matters to do Speedy a termination as possible. He is however contesting against a Lawyer, so that it is "diamond

as actually required. the balance take good care of keeping them under lock and key – The supply is more than amply necessary and I bought many of the things, more perhaps than actually required because I got them cheap – The assortment is large and various – but what is not required we may dispose of to advantage. You may perhaps think that I might have omitted some of the things and have gotten others such as socks, drawers suits for you and the girls and hats caps and suits for the boys – These things I might have bought as well but found it impossible, with what I had already purchased, to get them in the cases and I did not wish to pack a second one – I have a great many things in my order book to send and as soon as I get my money my intention is to purchase the few things lacking and to make up another case and send it to you. I have a great deal that is useful and ornamental for ourselves and which I believe I can dispose of to advantage, enough to start a fancy store on a small scale – take good care of every thing till I come except what is required for actual use and we will

cut diamond" and I think that they are fairly matched. The money I think is secure, and in any event we cannot possibly lose much. It is known a question of time only when we shall get it. Ridgway will avail himself of every legal technicality for the purpose of delaying payment as long as possible in the hope of being able to turn himself around and save if possible his property from being sold. I do not believe however he will be able to do so, unless by swindling some other of his clients, the same as he did me. He might I think, have better let his property go in the first instance, saved his reputation and saved a great deal of trouble and anxiety. The suit against him need not to detain him, neither need the disposal of the real property of the estate. I shall leave with my brother John a power of attorney to attend to those matters as well as those appertaining to any settlement of the estate remaining unsettled. I can see therefore no reason to prevent my returning home soon after Henry's arrival, whenever I

shall get my share of the remaining cash funds of the Estate. So you may reasonably expect me soon. and I promise to telegraph when I am ready to start. Sa Kuoto I am much anxious to return home, and I will do so as soon as possible. I have been and am still leading a most unhappy and uncomfortable life and would gladly fly from here and escape from the torture of mind which I daily experience in consequence. I am glad to see that you have such a confident and unabiding trust in believing that I will certainly return to you, and that business alone prevents me from doing so, for which, you certainly will be rewarded by my constancy and life long affection. I can imagine what your feelings and sufferings have been during the past two long years since our separation - and how anxious you are to have me at home again; and the joy it will give our children to see their absent papa once more. To my dear wife and loving children be of good heart and be not discouraged with waiting, the time will certainly come, the good God willing, when I shall embrace you and force you to an[illegible] again to leave you. The [illegible]ing of the past, in the happiness which experience, will soon be for[illegible] shall look back upon them [illegible] but a dream. Such is the consol[illegible] nature, that no matter how gria[illegible] tribulations they are soon be[illegible] oblivion of the past whenever the prosperity envelopes us with its [illegible]

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ing of the past, in the happiness which we
will experience, will soon be forgotten and we
shall look back upon them all as if we seen
but a dream. Such is the constitution of human
nature, that no matter how great may be our
tribulations they are soon buried in the
oblivion of the past whenever the sunshine of
prosperity envelopes us with its genial mantle.
I enclose the duplicate bill of lading, a
Post Office order for $90.469 for fifty dollars, a complete list
of the things in the case, and a photograph of Brother
John and myself taken only yesterday -
The freight on the case to San Francisco $19.50 paya-
ble in currency. The surplus money, after pay-
ing freight including that of steamer to San Diego,
you will use as circumstances require. I shall
not be able to send you more till I receive my
money from the estate. The case contains many
useful things for you and the children, which
you will dispense to them in such quantities

as actually required. the balance take goes a long
of keeping them under lock and key – the supply is more than amply necessary and I bought
many of the things, more perhaps than actually required because I got them cheap – the assortment is
large and various – but what is not required we may
dispose of to advantage. You may perhaps think
that I might have omitted some of the things and have
gotten others such as socks, flannels suits for you and
the girls and hats caps and suits for the boys –
These things I might have bought as well but found
it impossible, with what I had already purchased,
to get them in the cases and I did not wish to pack
a second one – I have a great many things in my
order book to send and as soon as I get my money
my intention is to purchase the few things lacking
and to make up another case and send it
to you. I have a great deal that is useful and
ornamental for ourselves and which I believe
I can dispose of to advantage, enough to start
a fancy store on a small scale – take goods
from every thing like I have except what
is required for actual use and we will

Then see what disposition can be made of them. Though I have marked the names of the children against many of the things, yet that signifies nothing. It is you discretion you chose to make any and every change in regard to them. Or my own private reasons, which you will perhaps understand I have not marked the prices opposite to the things, but have furnished you with a private list of the prices that you may inform yourself in regard to them so that should you wish to dispose of any thing and can do so to advantage you are at liberty to do so — Most of the articles are purchased below their cost at bargains and all of them reasonable and at discount of from 15 to 20 % taken off for Cash — They are all of good quality and nothing of a trashy nature. The glove are at a very great bargain - worth $21 per dozen. I have of ladies and gents in my trunk 4 doz pr more worth from $1,75 to $2,20 pr pair - and lots of nick nacks

[illegible] Silk scarfs - gents Linen thing
Sets [illegible] buds perfumery. Cosmetics,
a beautiful gents dressing gown costing
$5.00 worth $20. and many other things
purchased at extremely low prices upon which
I can sell at all. I can treble and quadru-
ple my money - I cannot mention them
all to you now. You need not tell
of my various purchases - I know many
think - I might better have sent them
the money - This is however the time to pick
up bargains about May 1 when so many
changes are taking place and when I see
anything I know I can more than double my
money upon I am found to buy - I have
a handsome opera glass Tiffany & Co. bought for
$35.00. also a cash box. desk stationery
costing $4.00 worth $20.00. I have
not time to say more at present.
but mum is the word, so can kiss the
children - With love to you
dear Hal I remain Respectfully
Yours
H. D. Tracy

P.S. Tell Lilly that I am very [illegible] not get her set of dishes in the case. I will give her
something instead and I promise to pack them the
next time I send anything. I have taken the
photographs out of the paper frames, as they were
too large to enclose in the envelope.

I went last evening for the second time to the
Grand Opera House, with Cohen, to see the grand
Spectacular representation of "Ashmedai" It is
rather of the sensational order, but the scenic
production is most magnificent, far surpass-
ing anything I ever saw, not excepting the
Black Crook or White Fawn which had such
a run at Niblo's some years ago - I was wish-
ing you were with me to behold it. It would
have been a pleasing feast to your eyes.

The weather for the month of April has
been unseasonably cold and most disagree-
able; it begins however to moderate and will
soon become uncomfortably warm but I hope
to take my departure hence long before the
intense heat of Summer shall have set in.
I have not been any where in particular

from the Post, mostly to Lenas and Mary Bissells, though frequently to Mary Gibbs to see if there be a letter from you — Lenas will move to Flushing monday next. I am going to assist her — I shall then have our places the less to go to, though she is anxious to have me come to see her often — This letter was written at Mary Bissells yesterday afternoon whilst she was on a visit to Lenas. I took care of the house and children for her during her absence — The postscript I am writing at Post Office — when I found this morning a paper from Mr Morse of the 28th and 30th March, with the name of W. H. Butler upon the outside of the envelope. He has each called to inquire after me twice. I remember his name as an inhabitant of San Diego, but I never was intimate with him. I must now close, my dear little wife, and once more hoping that I possess your whole heart as you do mine, and trusting that we shall soon be restored one to the other, I remain

your affectionate husband
N. H. Kelly

April 2d 1850.

Trade Mark

Cusco Angelica Gum

Address

Terminus of the Northern Pacific RR
Puyallup Valley
Near Sparna April 12th 1875

Friends Lou

Your letter of the 22 has just came to hand after travelling most near all over this little round Footes World but it got here at last and I was exceedingly glad to hear how and you were enjoying life as usual. Yes thanks of Rail Road particularly the Northern Pacific it looks as if we are going to hear the Northern a great deal great hurrahing then a flash in the pan. This is very similar to mining for Gold. You dig deep in search the heart rich thank God it was done with his excitement. Now after untold accumulating of the natural growth of things. Now if we are occasionally shook up by Quake, but that is some treat to monotony as it were. We have had terrible weather this winter all a-long the coast and practically disastrous to our fells in the coasting trade that is the lumbermen. But it is all over now and we are enjoying the finest weather ever known on the Coast. Our general news not amount to anything in this section of the

Trade Mark

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Terminus of the Northern Pacific R.R.
Tacoma W.T.
April 12th 1873

Friends Love

Your letter of the 2 has just came to hand after travelling north near all over this little round rotten world. But it got here at last and it was exceedingly glad to hear from you and to know every thing was as usual. You speak of Cash Roads particularly the Northern Pacific it I suppose is like our Pacific Road a great fraud. great speculations. Then a flash in the pan. This very country is running for Gold. Silver deposits made with the Heart Rich. Thank God it was done with self experiments. Nature intend accumulating by the natural growth of things. Now if we are occasionally knocked up against a snake, that is from breaking the monotony as it were. We have had a terrible weather this winter all along the coast and practically disastrous to vessels in the coasting trade. Early for lumbermen. But it is all over now, and we are enjoying the finest weather I have on the Coast. Our general news cut account to anything in the Redeem of the

County being [illegible] interest to the Local Press as
Miss Topeka. It has not changed her under cover
-ing afforded for a fortnight and Miss Thus a
Book in a few out felt left night with Mr Phota
-tis-name and like Kelly County Colleges the general
news about amount — Shoots. But it is just the
place for an [illegible] an and the Seven People that
my [illegible] the Lord, We hope our Saviour to Imp Had-
ham & [illegible] San Francisco. By the way Sam
could you [illegible] the address of
some good [illegible] Farms in Chicago. I have
participated in planting a Clam Chowder in Cang
ton as it is [illegible] and I think it will be just
the thing for [illegible] the way. That [illegible]
you [illegible] Rubber [illegible] at
Mr. I have a beautiful little cottage on the Way
near the [illegible] Secret [illegible] if [illegible]
Petticoat [illegible] I would be with love in
a Cottage [illegible] with the old degree
of [illegible] representative [illegible] He [illegible]
Ralph [illegible] usually and particular
When the locate themselves [illegible]
Indian [illegible] the Indian Principes
[illegible] Pale the
[illegible] to call [illegible] day or two with

[illegible] us. Not for the purpose of anything wrong but
to show our sympathy with our Orphans who
have, so far from our Country, it is really other
little on their part, so take it on the whole not
on the Pot but the Whole, excuse me if I am
of them further particulars of the Journey. Now for
Pemberton I became disgusted years ago with the
abuse of the Indent. therefore discarded it wholly
Have no intention for any demands whatever
of you not mentioning it to me. For part we
made in the Beautiful Commencement by the
[illegible] Minerals of the Northern Pacific Road
the Bay Cascades the Sierra Range but for depth
of water it cannot be beat in fact there is no
bottom to it and so is the Bro. [illegible] Bitter
beauty & scenery it cannot be beat having a fine
view of Mount Rainier Mount St. Helens and
Hood River Cascade Constantly covered with
snow the Gear and Bull Run Valley [illegible]
the Columbia River but of course [illegible]
them —

Yesterday I received a letter from my Father
Tate. He says he is now 87 years of age and that
"Commencing" it is possible for that we are all going

[illegible] Anything [illegible] will be done. But there is a happy consolation that better people than ourselves have gone before us & Clear the track for the days work. When the roll rings old Jay hawk out. I will think of our old Jay fellows of the Pittsburgh Commercial and write a happy & unhappy remembrance. Tell the Plunger, known to be doing my duty, either lighting on my feet or steel. Write back explicit information, why don't a fellow apply. Today brings the news of finding Bituminous Coal just 30 miles from here on the Spullop River. The Rail Road under we are taking out tomorrow to survey is said unequivocally and a first class article of coal will be under way in few days or weeks. The extent of the Coal is legion in thickness is from 20 to 40 ft & in the partitate. It is proven to be superior to the Cumberland Coal and what little that has been brought in sell readily at $1 & 2 per ton. Now is a chance for you Tom to come on and buy cold land with all its conveniences & is in Hucklebery land and Quilting of Acres to be had at $2.50. Remember me to Mrs Wheeler & particularly to Mr & Mrs Walter Wheeler. Write & tell us news of the Pittsburgh Post Office

Jay

# A Pastoral Letter.

*To the Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Trinity, San Diego.*

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD:

Holy Week, with its most solemn associations, its precious spiritual privileges, is just half gone. When I say that not more than a dozen adults, and they all of one sex, have attended either of the three Holy-Day Services*—which is an actual falling off from the attendance of the corresponding portion of the last Christian year—you will not wonder that I feel called upon to remind you, that it is the duty of all devout Church people, *not being absolutely hindered*, to devote more time than usual, during this Season of the Passion, to religious exercises. Secular business, and even household occupations, should, so far as possible, be shaped with reference to attendance on the Services of the Sanctuary. Or, if any of you are hindered from being in your places at Church, I trust you will, in your family worship, and your private devotions, have regard to the appointments for this Holy Season. Let us bear in mind, Beloved, that our Lenten Season of Revival, begun, thank God, so auspiciously, has not ended yet; indeed that it reaches its climax, only when the awful gloom of Good Friday has burst forth into the glorious Easter Rising of the Sun of Righteousness.

Calling your particular attention to the appointments for the remaining most holy days of this most holy week, I am, my dear Brethren, most affectionately,

Your friend and servant for Jesus' sake,

HOBART CHETWOOD,

Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, San Diego.

San Diego, Wednesday before Easter, A. D. 1874.

* See S. Matt. 26 chapter, 40th verse.

San Francisco April 25th 1871

Mr and Mrs Bailey

I suppose you will think it very strange of me that I should write to you now, yet it is better late than never. At first I must apologize for not calling on Miss Downey but our excuse is that, we lost the address and when Mademoiselle called but we were out and we lost the track of each other.

You will naturally inquire what prompted me to write. I will answer in a few words my motive. Having grown tired of the city and school life, for I work me, I would like to return to the country, for a week or two during my vacation, which will commence in June or thereabouts and having no friends

out of this city with whom I could feel as much at home I wished to address yourself and wife in order to gain your consent to my coming down for a short time and if it would be agreable then state terms for my board. Mother is well and wishes to be remembered to yourself and wife. Remain dear friend

Yours truly

Willie Rosenkrantz

Address No 2123 Bush St. bet Webster and Fillmore

San Francisco

Letter to Anna Likenmann

Dear Anna

I think I am not exposed. Please keep quiet. I think it would be your name in reference to Dear us. Tell Emma and Joseph and my love to Anna all around. Tell Lizzie and Lizzie to be good and peace for you. I believe get ready to leave the Old Room and new Room will be the same room. Thirteen families have left for San Bernardino & Los Angeles, to do nothing of other that have gone to the mines. But this is all right, I think next session of Congress will set us all right. So keep up a good heart you can — and come home when you can to us all. I hope your health is perfectly established, and that you feel strong for a long life and life but take care which seems to keep me up wonderfully. My monthly visitor last month weakened me very much, it lasted 7 days, and quite closed down from me. I keep very quiet till it has gone and look my room, and I am feeling better now and always. Mrs Stockton has a little son, one month old, they are very

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Elm Grove, April 25th 1875.

Dear Father:-

As I have not written a line to you for some time, I feel somewhat ashamed to do so; but you must excuse me, business has not been very brisk, times dull, and in consequence there has hardly been anything worth writing about. Mamma has been a regular correspondent of yours and has informed you pretty nearly of what has been transpiring since I stopped writing. To-day being Sunday and not having much to do I write these few lines in brief. As regards "times" in this place they are very hard, and especially with me it being very difficult at times to find enough work to make a decent bill at the end of the week. Some weeks I will make nine dollars, and very seldom reach twelve. This does not pay "Matt" for one who has been working at the miners so long, five years this

June, It costs me two dollars a week to keep a horse, and what is left out of my earnings is not much to live on. But as it stands I will not complain much, but will wait until your return and have better times. I indeed a very pretty and fancy horse, which I would like very much to own. It belongs to Mr. Sely and can be bought for forty or fifty dollars.

San Diego at present is at a stand still no building going on whatever, real estate dull and no prospects for a railroad until next winter. Work has not yet been commenced on the laying of the San Diego rail. but will commence soon as Lieutenant Fraelan is over the way here. Old Juan remains about the same.

We have received news within the past few days of the wreck of the new steamer "Ventura" which struck a rock, in the fog, two-five miles south of Monterey in this State. The passengers are all safe and arrived here to-day. The steamer and cargo will prove a total loss, she having five hundred tons of freight on board. San Diego loses in freight, among merchants, a loss of about $10,000, which is very hard in these hard times. Great

excitement prevails here over the disaster. The steamer was valued at $75,000. owned by Goodall Nelson and Perkins, of San Francisco. Will send particulars in "Union" as soon as issued.

You write us a letter saying that you would send us a trunk containing things, a "banjo" in particular. I have now taken a little to the "guitar" and if you have not purchased the banjo get me a guitar instead as I can make it answer both purposes. I play pretty well on the banjo, and think that I can learn on the guitar. If a guitar costs too much why get a banjo. When you purchase, get a guitar with the strings, when tightened close down to the "frets" as much, and a loud sounding one. If you can get someone who understands it purchase it for you.

The Claville Social Club is at present in a very firm basis, as is a good institution, spoken well of by all. They have a band consisting of six instruments, violin, banjo, guitar, bones, triangle and tambourine, which makes good music for dances and serenades. The officers of the Club are as follows Wm. Lyons, President; James M. Connors, Vice President; Francis H. Bixby, Secretary; George Lyons, Treasurer

meetings are held in the big Court Room, known as "Claville Hall," every Saturday night. As a general thing we give magic lantern entertainments every two weeks and a Club dance once a month, attended by old and young. The weather here at present is perfectly delightful. The crops here this year are pretty scant, but will compare with, and better than some of the northern counties. The wheat crop will be very good, and hay will exceed all. Tons of it will be shipped east this summer.

The family will all be glad to see you when you come home. We have this minute received news from Mr. D. Felenbeld through Mrs. Seeley that you received your money, but whether it is so or not will be looked for in one of your letters which we expect soon or we think is delayed on the blockaded trains. If so you will be humbugged.

We have a great deal of trouble with George. Family all well, and pretty well myself but very nearly worked out. Enclosed I send you one of Arnold & Choates new real estate maps printed at the office, by myself. Nothing more at present, but will write soon again,

Remain your son

Francis H. Whaley.

MAY

1875

Fire in SF 1851

New York, May 20th 1865.

My Loving Wife.

Dear Mama:—

Your letter received to-day 27th April, about two weeks from you again in response to mine of the 14th preceding B.L. and one 31st preceding duplicate B.L. Same P.O. order for $50. May 10th I sent you a long letter, 28 pages — May 13th another preceding a Roman neck tie and May 14th a regular letter containing eight pages and neck tie. These several letters with their contents I hope and have come safely to hand ere this reaches you. I am anxious to hear if the case of clothing has been received. I hope nothing has prevented your receiving it.

Mr Jordan and wife left here yesterday. I said them several times. My intention was to have sent a small parcel of some few of the things I have on hand,

New York, May 30th 1865.

My Loving Wife.

Dear Mama:—

Your letter received to-day, 27th April, about time I hear from you again in response to mine of the 14th, enclosing B of L, and on the 31st enclosing duplicate B of L and P.O. order for $50. May 10th I sent you a long letter, 28 pages — May 13th another enclosing a Roman neck tie and May 14th a registered letter containing eight scarfs and neck ties. These several letters with their contents I hope will have come safely to hand ere this reaches you.

I am anxious to hear if the case of clothing has been received. I hope nothing has prevented your receiving it.

Mr Howard and wife left here yesterday. I said them several times. My intention was to have sent a Roman panel & some few of the things I have on hand,

but was so unfortunate as to miss seeing them yesterday morning. For which I am very sorry as some of the things would have been of use to you. I am thinking of making up another case (smaller than the last) to get rid of the things which I have, as well as to send home my winter clothing (for which I no longer have any use) and to make room in my trunk for many things now scattered around. I would do so immediately if I had money sufficient to buy the summer suits shawls and some few other things I know you require so much. Perhaps I may get some money soon, and in case I do I shall certainly dispatch another box of things.

You will probably see Mr & Mrs Howard after their arrival and perhaps get from them some news concerning me. I think Mrs H. is a very pleasant and agreeable kind of a woman and anything other I may have said in confidence to her husband. I am sure she will not repeat it to me as she likes his wife. I do not know whether you have acquainted her with her but judge that you are not from the manner you write. I think it is their intention to leave San Diego for a while, till things are better, may be to go to Los Angeles. From all accounts everything I should judge must be exceedingly dull at San Diego and if they are as bad as I imagine they are, perhaps we shall be compelled with the others to go for a while down there to make a living. I do not wish to risk the little I shall have in so dull a place as I think San Diego must be at present. But it is time enough to decide what will be for the best after my return home. If I had plenty of money would it not be nice for you to come on here alone or with one of the children just before I was ready to leave (say a month previous) and after seeing the sights then return home with you. But the trouble would be the children, who to look after them. I think we had better just come home to New York till we have plenty of money, I can come on with you. I will promise you one thing to let you go or to take you down there on my return, provided always we can afford to do so. I hope that there are better days in store for you and me and all of us, since we

have waited long and patiently.

I have been writing to Morse, which I enclose for delivery. The day has been gaining and I have not been able to go anywhere. I have spent the afternoon at Mary Mitchell's. She is expecting her husband home from Chicago in a few days after which she and children will go to Ottawa to spend the summer. I was at my lawyers to day. The time of notice to Ridgeway will not expire till the 28th and days being required instead of five as the clerk told me so I must wait three days more before hearing the next step to be taken. I saw Mr Riker, mother's lawyer, told him how disappointed I was in being compelled to wait indefinitely for Henry. He promised to send Mr De Groot (his chief clerk) over to see mother to see what can be done to carry out the terms of the agreement so far as I am concerned without him. I do not expect any good to result from this however, my chances of getting money is on the foreclosure of mortgage against Ridgway or from the estate after the arrival of Henry. I might take some steps but do not suppose that I would gain anything as soon as by waiting patiently.

May 28/95

Commenced this letter the 25th intending to send it next day — Evening of 25th at Mary Gibb's received letter. — much disappointed — felt very blue all the next day — Evening 27th was at Mary Gibb's again — Still no letter — Am very much disappointed — besides Henry has not yet arrived — Something must have happened to him — I wrote to-day to his wife informing her of his non-arrival — I think she ought to know. She may be able to explain the cause of the detention. They feels are indeed very strange feelings — it is impossible to understand them — it would not surprise me if Henry had not left home. I have written his wife if such be the case to obtain the papers signed & unsigned at once. That arrangements as to the property can be made with or without him. I feel like a fool — that it is wrong for him to keep everybody waiting so — I can not tell all I want to tell him but could not expect him to take any notice whatever.

If can I get my property settled up I don't
care if I never see any of my people again.

Ridgway is determined to give us all
the trouble he can possibly to gain time.
and maybe his intention is to occasion us
loss as well. My matter of foreclosure must
positively attended and must be pushed.
have only the property to look to. He may neglect
to pay taxes, insurance or interest on first
mortgage. Longer the thing is delayed, the
harder will be the expense and all must
be paid, that is the int on first mortgage taxes,
insurance &c before I get a dollar towards
my amount. The longer he can prevent the
foreclosure of the mortgage, the longer will he
be in quiet possession, rent free and nothing
to pay — as all these things will have to
come out of the property and should he
be able to keep me out of my money say
two or three years the property would
not sell for more than enough to pay first
mortgage, interest taxes insurance &c and
little or nothing remaining to pay
me. He feels vindictive enough against me
I suppose to have this to be the case if I were
possible. I am determined therefore he shall
have no more time than what is legal. He
wants, seems to make it appear that the service
of process on his wife was not sufficient, that she
has for some time past been wandering in Indiana
and that the summons & complaint sent her
by mail only reached her the 26th of May and
asks therefore for a stay of proceeding for
30 days from that time. The quakers will come
up for hearing to be determined on the 2nd June.
It is impossible to tell all the tricks and hinds
of the case. Suffice it to know that I am detained
and likely to be detained here for an indefinite
time, impossible to say how long — and I am
without money and must get along the best
I can and to much of you and the children I
can do anything for you — Dear Henry come
on Joshua and Nord be without money
I am endeavoring to get $200 from
the estate. having received or being
interest only one half in the $600

which Ridgway received from Mr Rutherford to John and to me — I have seen Riker several times about it — has promised a subpoena to come over to see mother — but he has neglected to do so. Saw him today — got him to write to John requiring him to come to see him. to see what arrangement could be made — he thinks it hard to keep me waiting an unmeasurable time yet. Henry's life — I told him that agreement had to be carried out in regard to me or otherwise I should have to get another lawyer in Ridgway's place and see what could be done towards a settlement of the estate in chancery. I wish dear Anna you would write to me much more frequently than you have done for some time past — Poor dear Dad is in a extreme cylinder and maybe if I get a letter from you often I shall not fret so at least not so bad — I wish you to write once every week, some particular day of each week, so as to insure them coming regularly. And I will do the same and keep it up till such time as I tell you that I am about to come home —

It is our hard fate to be separated from our children
at this yet to come but let us diminish this trial
all as much as possible by writing often. I
have felt very blue indeed on account of not
hearing from you so often lately as formerly
I do not attribute it to any neglect on your
part but to your continual expectation that
I was coming home soon possibly thinking
that I was on the way and useless to write.
Tomorrow I will go to Fredklyn again to
see if there be a letter for me and in case there is
I will consider and send it Tuesday or Monday
and then write weekly thereafter. I wish to
hear from you oftener than I do and I think
think you could write to hear from me oftener
You are at home with the children, have every
one to love and care for you which I am very
glad now to do more than ever. Often think
how sad I should feel if I were to be taken
sick and thank God for the continued
health I enjoy. I feel as much interested
in C. am very unhappy indeed. I go to
town, see nobody and have little

position whatever for employment. Indeed I had no pleasure in going around employing the sight - but having been everything I no longer found any pleasure in them. I have grown more and more indifferent about pensions and things since being robbed of my money. My hopes were dashed at doing better as it were - then I thought if Henry came on they would be a chance of speedily settling up things and getting more money than I had been robbed of - but Rudo has unsuccessful I have been in regard to this. Inside he sends on now soon - and matters are settled up - it has got so late if I could sell property at a forced sale except at a great sacrifice - the others will oppose. I shall resist - and perhaps have to compel them by a partition suit - seemingly there is no end to the trouble and litigation which I am having - you know my persistency and dislike to give it through. Even though it takes years of time and a sacrifice of the principle involved. But let me not anticipate trouble.

I have read and reread your last letter, (27th April) in the absence of not receiving any one from you for some time past, and think it a most sensible letter indeed. And but what I think all your letters are sensible, but this one I think surpasses many of the others. Oh please me dear man to think you have so much confidence in me in not attributing my troubles to any affair connected with a woman. You struck it exactly right in supposing that I had been swindled out of my greater portion of my money and that that was the cause of my troubles. I had no intention dear man of concealing anything from you though I did not wish need which to excite your apprehensions, therefore I waited till after the mortgage became due, and then finding that Ridgway had no intention of paying except by foreclosure of the mortgage, I unhesitatingly laid the whole affair and unburthened my mind to you - which I did in my letter of the 14th April the one in which I en-

closed the N.S.P. of the Case, and it seems so strange that you have not replied to this letter, I think sometimes that you could never have received and that you are perhaps still ignorant of the particulars though I repeated enough in my letter of the 24th April and successive one to have given you informally upon the subject. I hope I shall never be so long without a letter from you as I have been since March 31st written on your birth day never came to hand. It must have gone down in the fleet blockading the Mississippi & Central Pacific. I am sorry indeed being the loss of one letter which, if received, would have changed my drooping spirits.

I am anxious to hear of the safe arrival of the case of clothing which was detained on the overland route but on this side of the blockade, which occurred previous to my shipment. The commencement of the blockade was the 13th or 14th April and lasted about ten days – till the 23rd or 24th. My invoice and number of freight and passengers had accumulated at Omaha indeed along the whole line which however very cleared away as speedily as possible they do say in ten days – but I think it must have required more time than this. Ordinarily it requires 23 days for freight to San Francisco. The case ought to have arrived there the 10th of May but owing to the detention may have been delayed a week or even longer – I think however it must have reached San Francisco in time for the steamer of the 15th of May and by this time you have gone fully through the contents of that case. It contained many things for the comfort and happiness of each of you

and gladdened the hearts of all.
I only wish that I had had more money
and purchased more things for you —
There were many things I might have dis-
pensed with and bought others more
useful. But they were bought at a bar-
gain and I not actually required more
you can probably sell them to good
advantage. You will do this dear
mamma if you think necessary. Sell them
or all the things if you like, they
are at your disposition to dispose of
just as you please.

I must now close dear Mamma
I will write again soon after the
receipt of your next letter.
Give my love to your children
tell them I am good & respect
their mama! Tell them papa
expects to return and will not de-
lay one moment longer than neces-
sary. Adieu my dear friend.

Yours

At the request of

Mr Lorenzo Harris

The Union Club

tender to Thomas Whaley Esq

the privileges of their Club House.

for the period of two weeks.

Oliver R. King

Secretary.

New York May 10. 1875.

Letter May 1, 1875
Mrs Herrick's
death & her ill.

Old Town
San Diego
May 1st
1870.

My dear Josephs.

I am not feeling very well to-day, but must answer your letter dated St Louis, & New York received several days ago for which I thank you, as you know that it is a source of great amusement here for us to receive a letter from you, The children are all well and enjoyed quite a nice select dance given in our hall three nights ago, prior to the closing of the club, the boys all clubed to-gethes, and they

raised enough to get some little refreshments, Mrs Cassidy gave them two - a whole, and the boys all put in four bits - or a dollar. Dick Kirk volunteered his services and that of a fine Guitarist for nothing, & that the whole concern did not cost them but five or six dollars, the music was fine Tilt Aguere and all the Estudillos were present, and no common trash this time all passed off nicely. My courses have been trying to come for over a week and I only need something to bring them from me gently as they come little at a time, no bleeding but very thick and black, but they seem to stick inside as seems this month as if they wanted to come naturally as for so long a time, & have had but bleeding of the womb. I will take some Strong Camomile or Rhubarb to start them good. All is going on the same as usual, Frank has gone down to the Ranch again with the Smith family, as soon as you can you had better start him off for Los Angelos to break up this Smith business.

I hope you are progressing fast in your business, so that you may return home soon, but you said you did not think of returning home at all, but "nous verrons". Have you seen your Mother? and is she friendly to you? has Henry

gone on, and tell me how Mrs Gorry liked her snow basket, and the puffs, too. My love to all of them. Mother writes she is particularly pleased with the snow basket, and appreciates the other presents too. How is John and family? give him my love. Three new saloons opened on the Plaza and one or two restaurants contemplate moving up here when work has commenced on the Rives, I hope they will not get forlorn. They say Capt Johnson will employ Indians and China men, cheap labor, he must do so, to get even. Do not know yet when they will commence work. Mr & Mrs Morse took dinner with me Sunday, I cook my

can't be cured must be endured. If I can only get all this accumulation of my Courses from me without an injury to myself I think that then I will feel stronger and able will go right again. The wind confuses me it is blowing so hard I'm all close and see if some of the children do not wish to write to Papa. They all send love and kisses to papa, and hope to see him soon again

Adieu, from

Your fond and loving wife

Anna E. Holy

write often as you can.

I have not seen McCoy yet, shall I give him those notes?

Sunday dinner on Saturday now, thinking I could fool the folks on Sunday by getting dinner earlier, but it is no use, they seem to smell it out for they came earlier, it is less trouble anyhow, and I shall continue it. I think I wrote you of the death of Mrs Fleck she died in my hands and I closed her eyes and tied up her jaws and straightened her out not one of the women folks ever went to see her. She left her will with me, I had it ten days no one was willing to take it from me. Mr Rose & Albert Fleck Executors, finally I told Albert to take it as Mr Rose would not. I would have written before this, but we

have had such scorching hot days lately, that I had not the courage to take the pen up. But to-day it is blowing very hard and it is cool, so I write send you these few lines to show you that you are not forgotten. George has mastered the Cow, he attends to it all alone. They say we ought to feed her some, with Hay and Bran, but I cannot afford it now, my money disappears fast enough what do you say about feeding the Cow, I could get more milk, she only gives a half bucket now, and I cannot keep the house in Butter with that, the Children drink milk for their Lunch and I make many things with it. Manastee says we must feed her. I cannot now. The garden looks fine, full of flowers, and the Fig-trees all out, but it looks very dry, not water enough to keep it green well, these dry winds have dried up all the grass, and everything looks very dry again. Let me know how you are [redacted] and all about yourself and "guidado" for the other woman you said you were going after, you must behave yourself the same as I am doing or you will get yourself into trouble. I am very lonesome without you, and the days seem very long to me, but I will have to get used to that as well as every thing else. "What,

BANK OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego, ~~Apl~~ May 3d 1875

Friend Wheelock

I have just rec'd a letter from Bryant Howard who expects to sail for N.Y. on the 27th of April I thought you would like to see him in N.Y. His address will be Care of. T. M. Coan 325 West 27th st.

Nothing new, I send papers

Yours

Morse

Crosthwaite is showing the San Ysidro Ranch to a sheep man who thinks he wants to rent it.

BANK OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego, May 4th 1875

Friend Whaley

Bryant Howard Esq leaves England about apl. 27th for N.Y. and his address in the City will be at

T. M. Coan
325 West 27th st.

Yours &c
Moore

New York. May 7th 1875.

My Dear Wife.

I wrote you the 17th April enclosing N.Y.P. of Case shipped over land that day; and, on the 24th, enclosing duplicate N.Y.P. P.O. order for $50, list of contents of Case and photographs of John and myself, which letters, I hope you will receive by due course of mail, notwithstanding the irregularity and detention for some time past owing to the breaks and immense destruction on some portions of the overland route. I was at the 5th Avenue Hotel yesterday reading a San Francisco paper of the 28th April giving a detailed account of the devastation along the line of the railroad. There were six thousand Westward bound passengers detained at Omaha and two thousand car loads of freight! Many Eastward bound passengers must

also be detained or prevented from starting, though nothing was said about this in the account which I read.

From the 25th the road was said to have been opened and the regular arrivals of passengers at Carlin were being noted.

From enquiries made here at the office I learn that the road had been opened for the past five or six days and that passengers were getting through without difficulty. It will take several days however before all those who are detained reach their destination East and West, and a longer time before the freight can be cleared from along the line of the route. Your letter of the 7th April came through in good time, arriving here the 18th, but the receipts for the registered letter sent Henry the 27th March, (containing the papers for his signature) mailed the 9th April, was not received till yesterday. I have been expecting a letter from you, written since you mailed the one the 7th April, but I suppose it is detained somewhere along the line.

I informed you that Henry had telegraphed that he would leave the 15th April, bringing the papers which I had sent to him, but I suppose he must have remained several days in San Francisco till he felt assured that he could get through without difficulty. I can see nothing to prevent his coming through now, and I am anxiously expecting his arrival from day to day. Soon after which I hope things will be fixed up so that I may shortly thereafter be able to proceed home. It does seem as though everything conspired against me to prevent my doing so, and I hope that the spell which binds me will soon be broken. The probability is that the case of clothing will be detained much longer than we supposed, and, if ever received, we may think

ourselves fortunate indeed in the course of time I hope you will recover it and not much beyond the time expected for.

Matters with Ridgway remain the same as when I wrote last, when I informed you that we got service by substitution of the papers April 24th. The twenty days for answering will expire the 17th inst. The probability is that he will put in an answer and strive to gain all the time he possibly can in the hope that he may from some source raise the money and save his property from being sold to satisfy judgment. The wrong which he has done me is a most grievous one, entailing as it does its consequences upon you and others dependant upon my receiving the money, but it cannot now be helped. I am very fortunate in securing it in the manner in which I did, as I believe I will in time get it all or with a trifling loss. I am not disposed to think Ridgway any consider-

from Landseer and wished me
criticism upon her work, which
I gave commonplacely chiming her
onward as much as possible. She
possesses some considerable merit
as an artist, but cannot excel
in this branch as she does in music.
having taken it up to take up life.
Some tolerable pieces of her
production, however, adorn the walls
of her parlour — I must not say
any more about your gentle, amiable
little Cousin, who I admire & love
least I ~~speak~~ say taken
rashly ~~[illegible]~~ excited by
a recital of his many virtues
and gracious qualities in a fine
letter. I had almost determined
not to mention his name to you
again — but I thought that
you might be pleased to hear
something concerning Mr. Darnley
lest I begin you with an over-dose of Bachelor



ation whatever may induce him
to my lawyer being to push things
as vigorously as legally possible.
It was a most uncandid proceeding
on the part of an attorney towards a
client and to say all of the profes-
sion who are acquainted with the fact.
I could prosecute against him to the
fullest extent of the law — have him
disbarred from practicing any more
"thirdow over the Bar", as the term is but
I do this I should have to incur expense
and lose much time. What do I
care about punishing him under
these circumstances. So long as I only
get my money? I can use the
threat of punish, as a rod over him
to make him pay eventually, as I
did in forcing from him the security
for the money which he was so reluctant
to give — But enough of Rodgerson
as friend, and more favorable
concerning him at some future time.

I went to see Mrs Young yesterday for the first time since the 27th of March. She was much pleased indeed to see me as she always is. She played and sang for me and entertained me for more than a couple of hours in a most agreeable manner, wishing me to come to see her again soon, and not to remain away so long. She said she thought that I had "cut her", having met me face to face before a third window of a third image the High Commissioner Hotel. About a month since that she returned home and heard my name bandied about N. and that she had felt badly about it ever since of my manner of treatment. I told her I had no recollection of having seen her. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~. She thought it indeed strange but after repeated assurances on my part I succeeded in convincing her of my innocence and ~~[illegible]~~ she entirely cordial. She wished me to tell her about you, and to do so more fully, I had to her some portion of your last two letters. She said she ought to have answered your letter to her, but had had so much trouble, it seemed as though she never could find the time to do so. Christina her to sit down just for ten minutes, in which time she might write, in her offhand style, something agreeable to you but she would not, promising to have a letter written by Tuesday night, at which time I am to go to see her again. Mrs Young is at present in Canada making arrangements to go into business here, having an office [illegible] for the purpose. She will return in a few days when I shall go to see her and make myself agreeable.

The children are all well, baby good fancy and Cory growing to be quite a young Caesar. Mrs Young was engaged painting a large idea

an the admiration of every body who praise them nothing for the manner in which the educates them. In a few days Mary and her children will go to Ohio to pass the Summer and I shall have our good Prince Nicholas to visit. Ohio is a very fine place had going to Flushing to live and that they had an elegant residence there. I have been down there once and shall go again perhaps to-morrow Sunday to pass the day.

I have hardly been anywhere lately on account of the miserable weather. I hardly know how I have passed the time when I went back to it. The purchasing and packing of the things sent you helped me through a good deal of it and to have the return of the Bissells to the city. I have not been to see Dr Clement's Hotel



May 8th 1865. The first part of this letter was written at Mary Bissells yesterday afternoon, and the latter part, at Hunt's Hotel, later in the day, where I was waiting Ohio's return from Brooklyn, he having gone there to see mother. The evening we spent together at Mary Bissells. You were remembered by her as Mary Brown, a niece of Elizabeth's and an adopted child of Ohio's, he having brought her up. She married quite young, much against the wishes of her aunt and uncle, a man who was then known as a professional gambler and has continued as such ever since. She loved him however, and their devotion to each other remains unimpaired notwithstanding the many adversities, which a profession like her husband's must necessarily entail. Some time they are living very comfortably, and then again not quite so much so. Like her husband though a perfect

gambler. No one can say aught against him. He is quite a temperate man and provides most abundantly for his wife and children when in his power to do so. Mary is a middle-aged good hearted and generous little woman and never fails by her hospitality to make those who visit her feel most comfortable and at home at her house. She was very good to me when I last when I was to go to her house first. Suddenly they moved away from where they were residing on Eight Avenue, and though I made frequent enquiries, was unable to learn of them when about. Three or four months ago I heard that they had been residing in New Brunswick, but had again returned to the city and I went immediately to see them. I found them not in quite so comfortable circumstances. Her husband had been robbed of several thousand dollars in Chicago one night returning to his quarters, knocked down, robbed in seven different places and left for dead. It was a long time before he recovered, taking nearly all they possessed to defray the expenses of doctors bills. I am not go fully into their history. Suffice it to say that the kindness which they extended to me I have been able in some measure to repay. Her husband has gone again to Chicago and he has to settle his losses. They have three nice little girls and a boy baby. They are the best behaved little children I think I have seen. Natural born ladies and

Everett House
N.Y. May 10th 1875
10 pm.

As I expected I went to Flushing yesterday (Sunday) to see Lina and remained there till this morning when she came down with her baby having some visits to make in Brooklyn, but more particularly to show her baby to mother who has wished to see it. She went with me to Mary Gibb's where we had lunch ~~and~~ after which I escorted her as far as the house where mother lives and then returned to Mary to pass the afternoon. I got your letter of the 27th April enclosing one from Frank with Arnold & Christ's map [illegible] a "Union" from Frank giving an account of the loss of the Steamer "[illegible]". I am glad to hear that you and the children are well looking forward to the receipt of the Case of things

released owing to a previous engagement made by the part of the relatives of the young lady when she was a mere child. A letter received yesterday gives him encouragement to hope that things will yet be satisfactory to him but nothing positive, till such time as he again sees her at Cincinnati. Apparently he is more than head & ears in love, his fortune and success for the future depending upon the answer which he will receive from the lips of the young lady. Having nothing in particular to do. I crossed the ferry with him and sat in the depot and [illegible] till past 9 when the train left. I told him of my troubles and received expressions of his heartfelt sympathy. He wished me to remember him to you and to tell you to be of good cheer. I have written this at the Restaurant. [illegible] to [illegible]

and then to bed - so bye, more dear wife, thanking you for the well founded confidence in me, that no woman was at the bottom of my troubles I remain, ever your devoted fond and loving husband

with so much pleasure, which I hope
by this time you have received —
I cannot at this time answer your
letter particularly as I am anxious
to make my leisure going to Bed.
I should have done so Saturday
but did not — and going to Lincoln
yesterday I was prevented from
doing so. Henry has not yet
arrived — though I passenger are
arriving continually. I think
it is too bad to be kept waiting
here so miserably.

I made an early call at the
Long Island City House. Saw a
Mrs Lowe there, but not your
Cousin Hannah. So that the card
left there the other day intended
for her was not received at least
not by Mrs Lowe your cousin.
The lady said that there must
be some mistake, and I told her
I thought so too as well as I hope.

I don't know how the letter could have
received any answer except upon purpose.

She said that possibly there might have
been another Mrs Lowe there some
time ago — that she would enquire.
The result being that the land lady
said that a Mrs Lowe, a young
lady left there a few days ago.
After making enquiries she said
that I would find Mr Lowe at the
Park Bank. N. Y. but could not
inform me his Street name. At some
future time I will institute further
enquiries which may result
in my finding your lost cousin.

Leaving the City, I met Alan
whom I had not seen for several
months, being on a trip to Canan-
dai, he gave a month.

He says rumor of engagement
the new business in which Clay
engaged and thinks it probable
that he will marry before his
return being engaged to a
young lady — but whom he has

New York May 23rd 1875

Dear Nan.

I wrote you a long letter dated the 8th on the 18th after I had received yours of the 8th. Nothing new has been transpired. Henry has not yet come. He is too busy to keep me waiting. I have nothing in particular to say just now except to express my sincere sorrow in not being with you on the anniversary of my departure and to enclose you this ~~Bouquet~~ Roman neck tie in the admiration of which will make you forget for a time your grief and disappointment. I have another one like it for Mamie and marbles one for Bobby & Willie. and something much more beautiful for you which I was afraid to send in a letter unless registered. I was so sad my inability to write a long letter merely because I miss you so much. My dear wife, for the present adieu and believe me ever your devoted husband. We will see you again and enclose me the keys of the Hotel Roma

(For Mrs Lucy E. Whaley. San Diego, California)

New York, May 14th 1875.

(From Thomas Whaley. C/o C. H. Gibb. 44 Classon Avenue Brooklyn. N.Y.)

My Dear Wife,

I sent you a few lines yesterday enclosing a Roman neck scarf. I have determined to send you the balance of the scarfs eight in number in a registered letter. You will find them all very handsome. Do not think I have been extravagant in buying so many I gave only four dollars for the lot, including the one sent, which is not more than the handkerchief is worth. You will get them about the time I would have arrived had I started as I wished. They will be a present to compensate you, in some degree, for the disappointment which I know you will feel. The handsome scarf, and the dark blue one fringed, might answer to wear late with. The widest Roman, (same as the one sent yesterday) is for mamma. The next largest for Ocie and the narrowest for Lillie; but you will make such disposition of them as you think best.

Dear Frank I was much surprised to hear from him after so long a silence. The Chicago air is very quiet however now. I suppose they think I am now coming home and of no use to write. Thus we are soon forgotten when out of sight. I will answer Frank. Should I not be able to go home soon it is impossible for me to do anything with certainty for Henry Conds. You need not be worried by Nash or any of my creditors. I think I shall be able to pay them all soon, and they might this money down by waiting patiently than in any other way. Remember me to J. T. McCleo tell them they need be under no apprehension we will be right soon I hope. Remember me also to Capt. Ballard &c. as friends I hope all well. The chances of Congress doing something for Dear Scott & Sam are good since matrimony increased since the week Hackadi this Spring. I hope the bumb has come safely. Thank you for your dear old prophets.

Yr Whaley

I have at last hit upon your cousin Hannie or rather her husband C. A. Lowe, bookkeeper at the National Park Bank, Broadway. N. Y. where he has been over eight years. He is a very nice gentlemanly young man about 25 or 30. He says that he and his wife were spending the summer at Plainfield, N. J. and wished me to go there to see them. He says his wife regrets not having seen me when I came to spend the holidays and hopes that I would come again. Elise lives in San Francisco. her husband, a miner having gone nearly through her money. She is expected on him some time next March. Mr Lowes father is B. F. Lowe, Insurance adjuster, San Francisco, and is interested in San Diego property and has great faith in the place. I do not think I shall go to see your cousin at Plainfield at least not for the present.

You wrote having written to me 8th March, your birthday - this letter I have never received though the one sent previous March 6th enclosing Owen Jolly and the one after April 5th Carrie Dagley to hand. It must have miscarried or else Mr Flower overland.

I have not seen Mrs Young since Christmas the afternoon with her I wrote a long and a precious letter. though I have been there twice since. She is out a great deal evidently. I met Cory who says that the children were well and that his papa was expected home from Canada soon. I will go to see them whenever it is in my way -

No news from Henry yet - I was not over to Morkeyn last night. I am delighted going there to stay. I am however going there some time to day and will keep this open till then.

I have nothing in particular to write about - Remember me to Mr Moore. You can tell him anything connected with home affairs and advise with him what is for the best.

Invoice of Neck Ties.

1 Dark Blue Satin ~~Scarf~~ Tie.

1 Roman, same as our Sent May 10, ~~bought~~ for $2.00

1 " a little narrower. Sold for $2.00

1 " narrower Stripe " " 2.00

1 Brown Satin, wht Stripe across

1 Green & Wht Satin, Stripes lengthwise.

1 Twilled Dark Blue Silk, fringed ends Scarf

1 Rich heavy floss Silk neck tie, Stripes across of various colors, fringed ends Scarf Sold for $5.00 ea.

from Papa.

N.Y. May 14/75 Thos Hallay

These Roman Ties were very much worn two years ago – White ones Silk or Lawn are the rage now. Those sent are nice and just dabey women Papa. – I bought them at a bargain, 9 for $15.00. I may buy you some white ones before leaving.

May 14th 75. 2 p.m. I have been to Brooklyn. no news of Henry yet. I would telegraph him but I have too little money to do so, not more than enough to last with economy three weeks longer, by

which him I hope something favorable will turn up.
I kept more than enough to last until I thought Henry would arrive, he having telegraphed that he would leave the 15th April, but I have been disappointed.

The twenty days for Ridgway to put in answer expired the 13th not without his having done so. It was my lawyer who said after examining the law he thought he was entitled to six days more also that he was not entirely satisfied with the manner of service of the papers on Mrs R, and that if possible he would like to get personal service on her and wait 14 days longer and be certain, but if it were not possible to get it and in case no answer was put in by the 18th he would move for judgment. Thus the thing stands.
He gave me a copy of summons and complaint to have Mrs Gibbs serve it, but from the information which she gets as well as that obtained myself it is quite likely that Mrs. R is in Muskegon and that it will be impossible to serve the papers before the 18th. Yours with love and respect expectations. [illegible]

Continued to write after receipt of Ridgway's letter

My love to John and tell him I would like to see him very much. He looks a little older but thinner.

San Diego. May 19th 1875.

My dear husband.

Rec'd June 1.

I have received your of April 17th containing Bill of Lading of Case shipped that day overland. You send one containing P.O. Order for $50, and Duplicate Bill of La[illegible] and list of things sent, came to hand on the 17th May, it is dated April 28th. Am glad to hear that your health is good. All well but me, I have suffered writing till now on account of have sore fingers, I am scarcely on them. I asked the children to write, but they are so busy preparing for the Ex-

hibition in June that they
almost think of nothing else,
I feel quite sick to-day,
yesterday I was in bed alle-
day being too dizzy to stand
on my feet to-day my head
feels very full and spring
around if I move much
all caused I suppose by
my monthly being on me,
my forefinger, the one I am
writing with now is better
but I am writing with a
glove finger on it. I do
not feel good at all at all
but will send a few lines.
We thank you for the clo-
thing although we have not
received it yet we are
looking for the Case to-mor-
row by the Cirsaba. Cloth
my dear Poppy is very good,
but I caution you not to
send anything to sell, as
it will prove a failure, one
after another has been doing
selling this goods for almost
nothing. Maxwell killed him-
self on account of not being
able to sell his goods. You
told me in one of your let-
ters dear Poppie that when
you got your money you
would be guided by me
in the use of it, now I
beg and implore you not
to send any dry goods or
anything else to sell as
you will find it a com-
plete failure, and that
much money would be lost,
I beg of you dear Poppie
not to send any more for
that purpose, but merely
send us our Sixty, no Shawls,
no Shoes, but save the mon-
ey to pay all our debts and
get good beds and bedding
we want that following

and good body and two or three bed steads, the carpets are all gone, and the furniture is very old and worn, so I implore you to save all your money after getting what is absolutely necessary in the way of clothing for ourselves: I shall not attempt to sell anything, as I tried it once and completely failed, no one has any money here or in New Orleans. You do not know how dull it is in San Diego. My health is very poor and I cannot go about much, and do not want to be subjected to such mortifications as I have been. There are very many very useful things in the case but, there are some things that will remain on our hands dead weight, the

end of the week almost
Thursday, and he cannot
have more than four or
five dollars on Saturday
his board two dollars so
three dollars left, most of
it for washing, this makes
three weeks without work.
We will see what next —
week will bring.

I think Ridgeway
intended to swindle you
out of all your money, from
his and his wife's actions.
a downright scamp, but
Mother say, push him close
and don't give up till you
get it, you ought to have
had him arrested and put
in jail, and then perhaps
he would have produced
the money, right away; for
he could not have had
time to dispose of it in
so short a time. Your boys

boys are badly in need of
suits — they cost so much now
or at least I should say so
much, that I cannot buy
another suit of him, I bought
one for George Christmas and
he charged $18.00 for it, he
has it still but it is getting
too small for him as he
grows very fast, he takes
good care of the suit, as
he says he doesn't wear
then he will get another,
the measures you have for
George, Willie & Lillie will
not answer at all as they
have grown very much,
they will take in suits —
at least two or three
sizes larger, the waists prob
just fit them exactly, and
Willie is almost as tall
as Man and Lillie too.
George is I think an inch

and a half of not two inches
taller than Frank, and
great broad shoulders and
large hands and feet. a
No 6 shoes broad as a
sidewalk. Do not dear people
buy any shoes or anything like
that, for you can really do
nothing with them here. Here
town is filled with shoe
stores, and all complaining
that they cannot sell,
and they are selling very
cheap now I can tell
you. Now do do me this
favor and justice enough
to ~~tell~~ tell that I am right
and know exactly what
is for the best. Bring home
all the money you can buy
nothing but what is actually
necessary and you will then
have no regrets afterwards.
Miss Gunn wants to sell
me her piano for Carol and
to send the children to school
at Mrs Lowe for Carol - but
I am not in good health
enough to negotiate with
her at present, you can
when you return. A good
way to get a piano, they
are selling for almost nothing
here. Frank has had no
work for two weeks so the
remnant of the $50.00 money
is mighty - good, I bought a
little wood, paid in dollars
here and there that I
owed, and am reserving the
rest for the case when it
comes, I have the green
back to pay the $15-50
with and $10-00 in gold
for I suppose it will cost
to at least $28.00 altogether
-her, so it does not leave
me much, to-day Frank
is working but it is the

My Love to John and thank him for the Photograph. You have grown very thin in the face and some older, but you have stood all your troubles like a Trojan considering the quantity — you have had. You are plucky. Anyhow so cheer up a little longer dear Pop and all will be right. And your "Guardian Angel" how is the dear Cousin give her and all of them my love and Kiss her for me. If you are on good terms with them which I sincerely hope you are. Do not forget the wallaby presents. Except all love from Nan who loves you with all her heart and devoted to her dear

too say with him and he knows whom he had to deal with. It is too bad you might — dear poppet, have been wider as now and all going smooth. If you think it safe to leave matters in the hands of John why do, so but fix all smooth and be sure of getting your money from him. God knows I want you to come home but not to lose all by it. I see that Henry left on the 12th of March Mrs Seely who has just come from San Bernardino says that Henry takes his life along with him as your Mother has sent for her to come too. Something is up I suppose. If there is any surplus money your mother will probably give it to Henry as he will

make her think he did
not want to trouble her
in her old age, as he
told Mr. Coy. Emma is at
home with her baby boy
as her husband is dead.
My head is ready to burst
I must close soon, I beg
of you to listen to me my
dear old prospect and not
but with the intention of
selling again as it is
useless and you told
me you would let me
manage the money to a
certain extent, my ideas
are good and all for
my own good. I would
like for me and the
girls some suits all
made up, linen or lawn
mus suits, you can get
them in San Francisco
all made up from $6.00
up, we do not want any-
thing costly but neat and
to wash. The Grenadine
will I am afraid be too
expensive you will see.
but be careful and come
for home with plenty to
pay debts and live on
awhile for it is more than
dull and poor here now.
when you return home
you must say that you
could not wind all your
business up, and may
have to return again.
The children all send love
we all are looking forward
with so much happiness
and pleasure at your
return home, and wish
Frank'l return home in
the evening as when he
has work to see if he
has a Telegram. So
come when you can
leave things in right shape

Recd June 1, 95

San Diego May the 26 1895

Dear Papa

It is so long since I have written to you that I will write you a letter today. Mama got a letter from you a few days ago. I have not been well for some time and Mama has not let me go to School. Instead of the dishes which I asked for please get me a small pair of earrings, as I have had my ears pierced. I send you my love and hope you will come home soon. Mama got the pictures of you and Uncle Joon I think you have changed some since Mama has written a letter to you. I am going to put mine in with hers. George sends you his love and thanks you very much for sending him the Violin and Harmonican. He says he

will write to you soon. Mama is expecting to come tomorrow. Old Town is so dull that there is nothing much to write about. So I will now close my letter. So Good bye

From your affectionate daughter

Lavinia S. Whaley

June
1875

P.S. I think you have changed a little from that picture you sent not long ago with Uncle John. I send my love to him also)

San Diego. June 2nd 1875.

Darling Papa,

I now take up my pen to write you this letter as I have not written to you for a long time. I hope you are in good health. We all thank you for the handsome presents you sent us. I am now writing on the portfolio you sent me. Lillie got the black one and I the brown. I like mine very much. The doll you sent me is very nice and it is better than I expected. The patterns are beautiful. Some of them are pretty for me to take a pattern of for myself and Lillie. When I wrote for the doll I like to play with them at that time. but now I have changed my mind about toys but keep them and play with them once in a while. But

thank you all the same for it. The fourth of july is near at hand and we expect to have a nice time and we all wish you was here to enjoy it with us. Lillie and myself are invited to spend the day with the Wallacks. In New Town they are going to have a grand time. They are going to have a procession and the reading of the Declaration of independence ~~and~~ &c. and then in the evening they are going to have a ball in the evening, it is going to be a calico and nacky ball. The Ladies are to dress in calico and they are to make a cravat of the same kind of material as the dress and as they go in they drop the cravats in a box and then the gentleman come along a take the first cravat they lay their hands on and they are to dance the first dance with ~~they~~ lady whose dress corresponds with the cravat.

Frank has a ticket. Last week our school had an exhibition it went off very well. The pink and white japanese silk you sent to me I made it up myself. I cut it out and made it. It was admired very much, and I wore the pink and white watered silk sash. And the white linen immitation hats you sent to Lillie and me Mama trimed them. Lillies with blue and some pink flowers and mine with pink ribbon and flowers also. I dont think a milliner could have trimmed them better. Mama gave Lillie the blue plaid and me the red plaid as it was more suitable to my complexion. I am as tall as Annie, and I am growing every day. nearly every one of my dresses are so short for me that they have to be pieced, I wear them a little below the tops of my shoes. I hope all my cousins

are well. I send my love to the Youngs and would like to have Corrina write to me. I also send my love to Minnie and Alice Puffer. I think this is the longest letter I have ever written to you but I hope you will not get tired reading it. I stick in all the news I can find. There are a great many people moving away from here, and they are coming and going all the time. I named the doll Nellie as it looks like the picture you sent of Nellie Warna. I send my love to her and kiss all the Youngs and Nellie and Mr Puffers little girls for me. I expect to see them one of these days. I guess when you arrive here you will find this place pretty dull by the side of New York. I would give anything to see you again. so no more at present, from your affectionate daughter, Viola Eloise Whaley

and, if you ambition to do so can be assured
of the importance and advantage which learning will give you hereafter. I am certain you
will set about acquiring knowledge immediately
and hence you do so, you will be at your head at
my account. You will acquire in a few months
the pleasure you will derive from the early habit.
It has always been my wish desire that you
should learn something commensurate with your
abilities, but some how circumstances have prevented
this, and as you are now of an age to appreciate what
I write to you I hope you will give it heed. People
who have brains can learn readily. Teachers are
not absolutely necessary to teach them. Books
now a days take the place of teachers. and those
willing to learn investigate them and frequently
acquire more than, the knowledge had been imparted
by to them be learned professors. You certainly
have brains and can learn if you only set
determined. I hope you like the beauty
Sent. Nannie I suppose will make no objection
to you using her guitar. Should you prefer

New York. June 7th 1875.

My Dear Son,

Hank:

I received your of the 25th ult
some time ago. I have been so much worried in mind to
write to you before this. though I have done so to your mother
often. It seems as though you and the rest of the chil-
dren are forgetting me, for none of you write to me
as frequently as you did - and, lately, your mother
has not written to me, except at intervals of a month
apart. But she gives as a reason that she was expecting
you home all the time. I hope henceforth all of you will
continue to write to me regularly until such time as
I shall telegraph that I am going home. I think the
time of my starting is not far off - but as I have
thought for many months past. It is impossible
for me to leave until the business is all definitely
arranged or settled. You Uncle Henry has not
yet arrived, and, until he does, nothing can be
done. I cannot imagine what detains him —
Your all accounts from Vigo must be a very

dull place indeed. I don't see how I shall be able to content myself to live there on my return, after residing so long in Washington City, but I shall be most glad to return, and doubtless will find something to occupy me to pass away the time till such time as a change for the better takes place in San Diego.

I don't think that you are very well paid by your employers whom you have served so long — but perhaps the minds are so dull it is impossible for them to do any better by you. And if they continue dull on my return home it will perhaps be to your advantage to leave them. We will talk the matter over and see what is for the best when I get home. It has been my wish, in case I was get the money I am expecting, to have you go to some good school for a time, or to pursue your studies in some way. You have not certainly had the advantages of education which I was in hopes to give you, though certainly as a female you might have picked up considerable. We will talk over this with mother on my return home.

You must however devote a portion of your time to study each day to learn something. You are naturally smart — may have got out of the way of study, but with a desire on your part for self improvement, you would find, in a very short time, pleasure in study.

You are deficient in very many things. You may not think so now, but when you become older, mingle with the world, you will find this out and then regret that you had wasted the hours in pleasure in your youth which might so much more advantageously have been devoted to study —

Think of this my dear boy, and set about it at once. Storing your mind with useful knowledge. The more you acquire, the greater will be the advantages to be derived. "Knowledge is Power." One can never have too much of it.

You may think that to live in San Diego, among those you have associated with, there is no particular necessity of knowing a great deal. That you have your rights as much as any of them. But remember San Diego will not, it is to be hoped, always remain the insignificant place which it now is — or you may leave them — go and get men of the world, and then be made to feel how very little you know. You have the capacity to learn much,

I sent you a copy of the California Constitution — which you were never acknowledge having received. Did you get it?

New York. June 7th 1875.

My Dear Daughter,
Corinna Pillsbury:—

I am very glad to have received your letter of the 20th May, which came enclosed in one from mama. It being so long since I heard from any of my children. The last I received from Frank, April 20th. I was beginning to think, that, owing to my long absence from home, you were all forgetting me. I hope, in case of my prolonged absence, that you, and the rest will write to me oftener than you have done. I love to hear from my children, and to be made to believe that they have not forgotten me.

I am sorry to hear that you have been unwell, and, on that account detained from school. You must learn all you can and improve the opportunities afforded to you. Mama tells me that Nannie will deliver the opening address, and you the closing one at the School examination. I shall be glad to hear that you have acquitted yourselves commendably.

Uncle got for you the earrings in Stead of the set of clothes — as you prefer having them — and at the same time a pair for Mannie and Bidet. Mama wrote that you and Bidet are nearly as tall as Mannie. What big girls you must have grown to be! Papa wrote me that little girls very much when he returned home and hardly could realize the fact that they were so to be nearly as tall and as large as Mannie. You and Bidet must indeed have changed very much when you prefer earrings to clothes and she seems the idea of having a large doll to play with. I hope by this time the case of clothing has arrived and that you like the many things I have sent you and the others, though I fear some of the things may be rather small for you. I expect George will be mighty pleased with the violin. With the camp. guitar, accordion, harmonican and triangle you will each have something to play upon, and will become so proficient in the use of these instruments as to furnish all the music you require at your parties, and he gave me a grand welcome on my return home. Dear Mr Coffin tells the girls I saw before last. They always talk about you and Bidet. Minnie, the eldest daughter, she was a wise child. With much love, my dear daughters, I remain your affectionate father Phil Lackey —

New York, June 9th 1875.

My Own Dear Little Wife.

I wrote you the 28th May enclosing one to Morse. Since then, Saturday, I received your welcome letter of the 19th May, which relieved my mind of the anxiety I felt on account of not having heard from you for some time previous. I thank you for the welcome to me. I will have answered, also the enclosure, received some time ago, which I had overlooked.

I promised in my last to write to your father and inquired particulars to be sent. After writing to the children Sunday, my intention was to have written to you but I thought I would wait a day or two longer, when perhaps I might have some news to impart to you. The arrival of Hewson, or some other favorable circumstance with me, but with Richardson I have not succeeded. It is impossible for me to be positive the cause of his detention. This for the information contained in your letter that you had that he had written the 12th May. I intended to have engaged the services of another counsel to help some legal difficulties and settlement of the affairs of the Estate in Chancery, but have waited until I could receive a reply to my letter to Hewson

requires Henry's signature before being completed. Drew the letter, mother's lawyer, who thought matters should be adjusted at once - that I had waited long enough for Henry. He said I should go to the mother - she refused to do anything till Mr Davis arrived, and when the same time wrote to Mrs Davis to telegraph to Mrs Davis wife to ascertain the cause of her detention. I month later mother is very anxious indeed to see her children. On all the hundred occasions Henry might have left on the 10th April, as he telegraphed on the 12th and have met with some accident or died on the way; yet she was not willing to telegraph to his family to inform them of his non-arrival or ascertain the cause of his detention. Had he left at the time he said, and an accident had prevented his arrival in a reasonable time his family would not have hesitated to telegraph. Mrs Davis thought it strange of not hearing from him so he wrote me. I telegraphed to Mrs Davis wife to inform me of her husband's arrival, that I was under these circumstances both Mrs and I thought mother should send a telegram and we made a proposition for her to do so. She said she had no money to spend for such a purpose. Certainly I have more besides having expended considerable already for no purpose which I do not suppose Henry was aware of. I did however

Do not publish anything of this letter but a few lines which will be necessary to be published. Mrs Davis wrote Mr Chamberlain - Mrs Davis is said to be good hearted but very weak - Mr Chamberlain is very fast, thinks of nothing but money.

write to his wife or Mrs Davis, but as you are informed that Henry will bring his wife with him and that they left on the 12th May, of course a telegram from mother would have been useless, as we did not receive it at that time however we did not know that we have been deceived. Mrs Davis thought we had written and Henry was bringing his wife at ~~Christmas~~ mother expected. She does not believe that this is a mere trick of Henry's but willful to Henry, but on account of mother's anxiety we have to say that mother is very anxious indeed. We wrote to her since we left home it seems to be strange his wife is just being married of course. Mrs Davis wrote to Mr Chamberlain - I wrote not expected to remain with them during the holidays but as long as he might. Mrs Davis said Henry wrote for his wife to come as he was not well since he left to Carolina, and to be in the same good condition. Perhaps she decided he came not for me but ready to elope and then offered a month's visit to prepare a wedding for them. At Christmas he must have remained several days longer than he said more along the way - and we were quite alarmed. Spending some time at an hotel in Washington &c -

fore commencement — I wish to know a reason for the detention. I cannot account for it in any other way — I entertain no ill will or unfriendly feeling towards you. Since I wrote you from Kingston to Henry March 5th, my endeavors have been fruitless in inducing him to come on without legal process. Upon speaking — about the movement requiring his signature that matter was made plain even in presence of a person — that we could not come on at once — on Friday — that we were all anxious, waiting for him and that I was impatient until home 10. I said to him that I should have claimed to be — we have made a different disposition from what we had been witnesses long ago. Never should have consented to leave his wife for him — After having disposed of our business and waited his pleasure, the best time, induction continued from the best particulars till he does come — on the business of the money coming to me — to transport the children home with us and see the last estate — this receiving all that is coming to me and rendering it unnecessary for me to come to him again to attend to the business. I feel like nothing quick enough to see him as he does come. I made such a disposition of my affairs.

there is no need of your taking anytime or attempting to do so — [illegible] with all [illegible] at your [illegible]. [illegible] a person [illegible] — [illegible] the way for you that you may decide — to do just whatever you think best and whatever you do I [illegible] sanction — [illegible] you or the children with anything and [illegible] — [illegible] had money for the furniture which you might dispose of at a fair price and if they were willing to pay you [illegible] have it. I would not sell anything for less than [illegible] the money — [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible].

[illegible] in purchasing more things except for your own use, [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be your advice and [illegible] any of the [illegible] we must have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

I intend to furnish you a good second hand steamer as soon as we can, unless any favorable opportunity first offers for you to dispose of it. Such opportunities are frequently found — we charge any hamper for $1,000 leaving you more than would be desirable to have and to go to Mobile this winter would be useless — I think I told you in a letter machine, carpets — furniture and bedroom furniture also washing machine which we could not sell any of these things in San Francisco we intend to have. Prices on these articles have considerably advanced which was not to have been expected. Cheese is very — the market is bare of it — we can be in a position to make purchase from Mr. Wise case merchandise which are valuable, and I have sent from here that we have nearly once because I think than anything else — I think I have shown you a new place in Newburn, Texas for the winter — If we decided to give up the old home in Oakland. We will see what is for the best when we come.

I am sorry to hear of your continued indisposition



any longer than is absolutely necessary. You know that I have been very backward about urging the matter of your leaving the city. The work, from which you were in the habit of receiving, I believe, so important as to be left to your discretion. I was only looking to the future yesterday — when we shall have a little money and be able to make more perfect provision for the future.

I have my [illegible] from Mr. [illegible] and [illegible] to his order [illegible] that he was [illegible] that he was [illegible] that he would be [illegible] to be indebted to the [illegible] that he would be [illegible] to be a refuge for [illegible]. In the [illegible] of the [illegible] the case came up on motion before the Court for a [illegible] Sidnery asking that his wife be [illegible] and [illegible]. The [illegible] was, the day the action was [illegible] for the purpose of pulling an answer upon the motion. The [illegible] was a violent [illegible] — [illegible] and we secured [illegible] — [illegible] argued upon — the judge at last decided that unless she could furnish sufficient bonds, judgment would be entered against him — that for the

[illegible] you know that judgment was obtained against me on the 15th inst. I perceive that I must [illegible] one sufficient cause. I think that the circumstances of the case are such as should induce Jackson & Potter to give me a cause that would be sufficient to avert the judgment against me.

My wife sets a great opinion from your advice to her husband, as attorney in the case. She has an idea that rather than be sued she would be sold by the sheriff —

Then game has been to do at the time prior to the day of the sheriff's sale, the expense of my attorney will take the money from me, or at least incur an additional expense — expense, which I at least hope to avoid, and will be much more than otherwise.

This is above all the reason I [illegible] you now and I will assure you of the pleasure of being my friend, and [illegible]

I am sorry that at the last [illegible] I was [illegible] that you had not [illegible] the case [illegible] further [illegible]

like coming - but I desire you to write either to me a few lines, and when mother let one of the children do so for you. I was feeling anxious concerning you, and if I had had the money to spare should have telegraphed to ascertain the cause.

The photographs of John and myself were not very good ones. Neither did us justice and you could form from them but a poor idea of how we really look. At some future time I will send you another one better taken. I am not feeling very well. The summer heat oppresses me. Besides having the rheumatism all come on, I suffered more from it during the strike. It was once since the warm weather set in. I must have taken in a perspiration, by a sudden shock, have taken cold. Besides I have as you would say a boarder within me in the shape of a tapeworm which made its first appearance the latter part of February. I was not quite certain of it then but had positive proof of it a little a month ago. When I took medicine which effected well supposed the fellow - but now it appears not and I must resort again to more medicine. This time I will take it of the kind which from past experience I am certain will fetch him and then I hope to feel

I suppose by this time you would have recovered entirely, and have obtained a new lease of life. I hope that it will be long. I should like to find you well on my return to enjoy the comforts which I hope to be able to give you. You must take exceeding good care of yourself, do nothing to fatigue you — nothing more than you wish and feel able to do. The girls are all the energy need to render it entirely unnecessary for you to attend to any household duty whatever and I hope they are considerate enough for your welfare not to require you to do so. I am sorry that the sun around our young friends should have prevented your coming home. I think some one of the children should have written, and in case of a like emergency I shall expect them to do so. I am miserable enough now. What the very pleasure I have is in receiving and answering letters from home and when any extraordinary delay occurs to prevent this my unhappiness is greatly increased. An exhibition in June should not have prevented their coming in April and May when it was impossible for you to do so. I shall at no time require long letters from you on account of your indisposition. You can in the always spare

period in quality. I wish, dear mama for you to give me your views upon the subject and to send me the measures again of the children so that whatever I may for them will suit. Shoes can be bought more reasonable and to better advantage in California than here. I am likely to remain here long enough I suppose to get the children's measures, but better send them without delay.

I dined Mr Young to day at his office. wife and children are well. I have not been to the house since last write. Mrs Young always treats me well, but I expect not as cordial as formerly – He never asks me to the house therefore the reason for my not going there. I will however go to see them again soon. I have no reason to think ill of my "guardian angel" than formerly. and it would give me great pleasure to go to see her often, if I was more welcome by Mr Y. He is selfish in disposition. I find, as long as he can make use of you he will and when he cannot he does not seem to care. I would like to be friendly but evidently there is no particular disposition on his part to be. If he thought I could sell his property for him or had money to loan, he would then be most friendly, which now he is not half so. But



better than I do at present. I feel too the disappointment of Henry's non arrival, preventing as it does my accomplishing anything towards facilitating my speedy return home. I have actually nothing to do but kill time the best way I can, which under the circumstances of having very little money indeed, I find rather difficult to accomplish. I reserved for my own use what I supposed an amount an amount amply sufficient but owing to Henry not coming the sum is fast dwindling away and becoming so insignificant I have to expect upon almost nothing to be able to have it last without borrowing again from friends. I hope I shan not have to wait much longer as I fancy will be able to send you some more money and will do so as soon as I possibly can. I hard even now you must inquire funds and probably expect them from me. Depend upon it I shan't delay an moment in making a remittance, but in case I do not, you will have to do the best for to manage the best you can. I think Frank unfeeling treat him very shabbily – but perhaps they do all the can in the present difficult state of affairs in San Diego. I wonder how the poor women under the circumstances support a family, much more two of them – If merchants are not doing

any business, and fear it impossible be disposed of their goods so as to raise some of them to commit suicide. I don't see how they can contribute much to the support of two papers. But they do exist and the money for their support must come from some source and they ought certainly to be willing to pay their employees a fair compensation – I assure you that Frank is redeeming as much as he was three years ago, when his advanced experience should entitle him to more. I hope the times will improve in San Diego and that Frank may open a printing establishment of his own and be able to get even with the Union for their meanness towards him if they have practiced any towards him. I have no doubt, but that Frank, who I am glad to learn is even a general favorite, would receive the general patronage of the town. I hope he will continue to merit, by his conduct the good opinion which he has earned for himself. It will be more to him in business hereafter than money capital and with this secure him success.

I don't like the proposition of trading land for a piano or anything indeed. It is just now too valueless and a large quantity would be required to purchase anything. Now I hope to have the Crook and with that get all that we actually require and if purchased in San Diego, at a considerable discount. I will purchase the linen suits for you and the children. Suits for Frank and George. linen coats overcoats – waterproof for you. Sacks for you and girls. Silks for you and the girls, hats for George & Frank. Nainsook muslin, sheeting, bed spreads, ingrain and brussels carpet, rugs, mats and if you wish a sewing machine (Wheeler) you will name the kind. What do you think of my buying parlor and bed room sets of furniture, washing machine and a wringer? Sets of furniture, second hand, used but little, can be bought sometimes very reasonable. For about one third or one quarter of their cost. Freight on these things coming by steamer would be considerable. and add to their cost more than though purchased second hand in San Diego, though the articles would be greatly superior. I thought too of having a box packed with glassware, china and crockery. We must be sadly in want of all these things as indeed we are to everything relating to housekeeping. If we remain in San Diego all will require replenishing and my idea is that this can be done for greenbacks in New York for much less in San Francisco now, or in San Diego, second hand for gold, notwithstanding the freights, besides being able to many of the things had second hand, du-

I hope to get along without him. He has been a good friend when he found it to his interest to be so. Though I have no doubt what he did at first was entirely at their instance & his wife. I consider, however, by the service which I have rendered Mr Young I have repaid him fourfold for all that he has done or that I have received at his hands. I thank him nevertheless and would not wish to appear ungrateful and therefore go to see him and if I could be of any service to him would render it willingly. He has asked me upon two or three occasions to do favors for him and I have complied. He is not the same as he was before his family returned from France. I shall however treat him friendly and go sometimes to the house to see his wife and children. — Hunt I saw a few days ago looking quite spruce. He enquired concerning you and the children. Tom, I have not seen for a long while. He and Young are not on very good terms, though Tullis is still at the house.

Friday, June 11th 1858. I was over to Greenleafs yesterday. Got the receipt for the letter sent Monday containing such news. Nothing said of Henry. Very strange indeed what should detain him. I can do nothing but wait & hope for patience and hope that he will come soon.

I suppose in a few days I may expect a letter from you

acknowledging the things sent and the arrival of the case of clothing. I am always glad to hear from you.

I came across some lines the other day that I thought so beautiful I copied, ~~making~~ changing one of them to make appropriate to send to you, which you will find enclosed. I have written a sort of impromptu affair after their style, and though ~~which~~ not exactly poetry yet you will doubtless appreciate them for their sentiment and as coming from me. You will please not show them to anybody as they are intended expressly for you.

I must now close dear mama with the hope that you and all the children are well and that in a few days from now when I write again I may have something more important to say than contained in this.

Tomorrow I expect to go to Central Park, having promised to take Cady and Mamie Bissell there to hear the music and then ~~[illegible]~~ recall the refrain:—

~~I am~~ Think of me

Amid the flowers and shades of Central Park, by its coolest fountains,
Heedless of the throng—listening to sweet music, the warblings of birds,
In sight similar "Highlands" mountains.

When thinkest thou of me?

In the evening I will go over to Brooklyn to see if Henry has come and if there be a letter for me from you, and Sunday I think I will go to Flushing to see Lina. I expect to have down ~~the evening~~ tomorrow, or Monday next and may return home with him for a few days. Anything to pass the time away whilst being obliged to wait.

With love to the children, who I hope are all obedient, and assurance of my continued devotion receive this from your dear husband.

Yours Edward

To day (June 11th) is the birth day anniversary of one of the children namely or Violet I have forgotten which though I think the former. Both the and joy and many returns of the day under more auspicious circumstances, when I shall be at home to do honor to the occasion.

Yours
Edward

I would send you my Photo-
graph, but my face is in a
terrible condition, old Brown
has set President
you would not
know me.

San D. Cal.
June 16th 1875.

Man.

Recd June 29th

My dear Husband.

I guess by
a long time since I have
written you, I cannot even
remember the date of my
last, but know it is two
or three weeks or perhaps
a month since I wrote
you. I cannot write be-
fore as I have been quite
sick, and am still quite
with a cough and
very bad feeling in
my head and stomach,
and now, my fate is a
mass of letters, which I
finish without making
to post master, his office

[illegible] and then a group of
them come out, and it seems
as though I am obliged to
wait there for a minute,
the the bullets then all
around in flames and
burning and smart, so it
keeps coming until you
hit for fifty bullets at
of I that begin, it
seems to have around my
eyes mostly the bullets
have just singed and only
my friend had a perfect
mass of them but now
begin up. It is you down
on the rest of in fase.
I have I's blessed strong
B, and he has given
me something to drink
by out on the surface.
but I feel very sick and
weak and just crawl
wounded, I seem to be of

fleeted with a thousand
and one ideas, as soon as
I begin to feel a little bit
then something else attacks
me a fully me down,
and so I go. The children
are all well I [illegible].
I only pretty [illegible]. I
wish I could see as much
I will have a thousand life
a letter containing one Roman
scarf, and registered letter
containing 6 scarfs, one very
beautiful one, for the
which I thank you, the
letter containing Belt of Sadie
and one containing Daguerreotype
of Cora Lenty. The box looked
for case arrived in San
Diego June 9th per steamer
Anson, all safe. and we
thank you very much my
B. containing so much
and so many very useful

[illegible] The School Exhibition takes place next Friday and the children are all busy with their pieces.
It is wonderful the way Bobby makes all her dresses, cuts, fits, and makes them up all alone, now the Mama. Lettie has no taste that way, but she makes the bread, roasts the coffee and looks around the house as far as she can. They see it is no use to depend upon me as I am sick so much. The Dr says the heat of the stove is very bad for my blood at this particular time. I feel very badly just now, have been in bed three days, but thought I would [illegible]

pose of in a camp, they accompany Magazines and Papers, therefore will not bring much, they are all so pretty and I would like to keep them, but, if I can dispose of them I will be very little helper these times. I think all your selecting in dresses and stockings in fact everything does properly was very good indeed, and I can tell you we appreciate them all. I only wish my health was good then I could fly up a little. The baby are all very pretty and look fine. I cannot sew any, it makes my back and head ache therefore I cannot make up anything yet for me, every one for awhile for a change, it is this is the Change of Life with me, I am fearful I shall weaken too much for to do, I feel very weak and bad, The Dr has given me Quinine to take in a few days to strengthen me. My eyes are so puffy all around and itch so much. Enough of this. I gave my Mother your letter, they are all well. Frank is still in the office, but sometimes has no work at all, this week I think he will have a little more work. Mrs Carr was married to Mr Schiller yesterday, the Schillers turned her out of the house on account of wishing to

to marry him, he not being
a fear. Mrs Sanborn is
going for School Superin-
tendent, Carr was about
writing to you for more
for the firm, and I spoke
to Mr Bullaile about it
he told him it was
too late, that as soon
as you received your mo-
ney you would return
home, they seem to be hard
pressed. I will be so glad
when I can pay for all
I get. The Ray Stately pay
for little Frank is very
much in need of a suit
of clothes and boots, I told
him to go to the Italian
who has our scales and
get what he wanted. I
the man is willing and
pay himself out of the
scales. The case of Thos
you and as was a big
treat to us all we had
whole clothes now in our
packs and feel like some
folk. I would not pretend
to tell anything for as hard
as impossible it is to see
nobody has any money and
do not see but all that
is in the case will be
useful to us for years to
come, therefore sacrifice their
not things go for nothing
as they would them here
I would prefer to keep them
on hand for the family
some few things perhaps,
I will be obliged to exchange
for the Cassels are too
large for me, and the
fancy parasols too
small for the children
I can get shoes or some
thing else for them. The
Chromos I will try to dis

The children all send thanks
for presents love and kisses
[illegible] Papa [illegible] I think
he has not left house [illegible]
[illegible] get as does not seem to
[illegible] a hurry although he
[illegible] you can [illegible] but
the [illegible] he did not
[illegible] with the affair
[illegible] but would have done
[illegible] as he did if he had
been [illegible] at [illegible] were.

Once again my dear husband
I send all love and confidence
and hoping you will come
[illegible] all by [illegible] that
[illegible] and be able to return
to me soon. I am your loving
and affectionate wife
Nellie

[illegible] picture [illegible] baby [illegible] honey [illegible] you look good [illegible]

I will send a few lines to you
every Thursday so that you will get
it on Sunday.

other Bangs like it, any
where. Hem likes the Guitar
too, but does not know how
to play on it, Frank uses
it. George carries his bro-
ther boy around with him,
and Cook, boy musical,
he plays pretty good dance
music, in time he will
play very well. When the
"Club" have one of this
surprise parties, George
picks up his violin &
boy and marches off very
grand like, and when
he arrives at the place
for the party, opens his
boy, takes out his violin
sits down, tunes it up
good and plays, just
as natural as if he
was a great musician,
he needs a few lessons
from a good teacher

and to hear better music
than they have here, John
Ostuna comes over to
the "Club Room" often to
play with George and
Frank, they all around
here think George is a
great genius. If you stay
away much longer, he
will be as tall as you,
he grows fast, he came
Frank behind. Lillie
and Violet are growing
very much too, especially
Violet. She is up to hem.
Hem does not like it
at all. If you get them
in July, they will hem
to be much larger than
the measures you have.
Especially George, Violet,
Lillie, Frank and now
here not grown much
often it. Stout, and Nancy

New York, June 16th 1848.

Dear Mary,

I have written the lines sent the 11th inst. The sentiment is more poetically expressed, and, though these enclosed may not be faultless, I am not ashamed that you should show them to anyone, if you wish, especially as they are my first attempt. I hope that you will appreciate them as coming from me, and as ever I pray answer to them in prose or verse.

I have nothing in particular to communicate having written to you recently, and still being without a letter from you or news of Henry. I think you might write to Henry. You promised to do so. Your last is of the date 19th May. Certainly expected one written on the anniversary of my leaving home, or sometime between that and the first of June, informing me of the safe arrival of the case of clothing, about which I am anxious to hear. Your letters are all welcome to me and I am greatly cheered up by them. I was over to Brooklyn last evening, and shall go again tomorrow evening. I informed you in my last that

I expected to get judgment against Ridgway on the 15th unless he should show sufficient cause to the Court. Yesterday he filed an affidavit the import of which is that he has, or rather has a claim against Johnson and expending over a period of the past six years for $800 for said professional services of which amount he acknowledges payment on account of $500 - that having assigned said claim to his wife Margaret, he asks that she may be allowed twenty days to put in her answer - she wishing to make the balance of the claim $280 as a set off to a part payment of the mortgage - and asks that proceeding be stayed - The Court granted the motion for stay of proceedings for two days (the 17th inst.) and to day I have made affidavit that I never hired or employed Ridgway before Aug 1873 - that none of the other heirs to my knowledge had ever employed him - that I alone conducted the suit for the accounting - that no final decision for the accounting (as he avers) had been rendered by the Surrogate but that under an agreement Mr R as proctor had received $800 to be distributed by him to Johnson and me - that he received the check for the money - that on the 23rd & 24th Feby I applied to him for the money - that on the 24th he paid to Johnson my share $500 cash that I had applied to him for balance of the money, but he stated he had used the same to pay off mortgages that were due on his house in Brooklyn - that I had endeavored to get from him security for the money - that not being able to do so was compelled to employ W. H. Goodrich Esq Atty at Law - who threatened unless security was given he would commence suit & have him disbarred from practicing at the Bar - that settlement was made with Mr R. March 13 /75 - that he was allowed $500 for services in addition to the amount allowed him previously by order of Surrogate - that I had the receipt for the sum of $500 which was in full of all demands against Estate of Thomas Macy or parties interested to date - that he had withdrawn from the management of the suit - given a power of substitution relinquishing by an future order of the Surrogate his right to any compensation that might be allowed - that the balance due on this settlement with R. March 13th was $2,900 - for which he and his wife had given a mortgage on the premises 249 Ryerson St Brooklyn - a chattel mortgage on the furniture in said house - I may dispose

cumy that might arise in case of foreclosure and an additional mortgage on their farm in New Jersey - as additional security - that said mortgage became due 30th March and not being paid suit for foreclosure was commenced March 31 - that there is a previous mortgage on the premises 279 Rivington St of $6000 - that said property is not considered worth more than $9 to $10,000 - that I believe the object of Mr R. in asking for stay of proceedings and putting in an answer is for the purpose merely of delay - and that I am a resident of California stationed here on account of this business. I think this affidavit should have stated in the affidavit sworn to by me - matter came up for hearing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and I hope and trust my affidavit will be sufficient to prevent a further stay of proceedings - denying R. the privilege to put in an answer - should it not be, the case will go down to the Justice term of the Court, and there will be a delay of for trial - in which I am certain to be finally - the necessity of my remaining here to raise the money to pay me, and I have

not grant it if I can possibly prevent it. He has shown me no mercy and wherefore should I show him any.

June 19th 1870. The affidavits were submitted to the Court on the 17th and yesterday the Judge dismissed the motion in the divorce proceeding made in Ridgway without costs – This morning judgment was entered and he closed the foreclosure suit by the Judge and it was in the hands of the officer. In the course of a few weeks more I hope to receive some money and then to commence for Ridgway's benefit the original suit. Probably the amount would be paid outside of court which I hope will be done – I have had a long time of it with Ridgway but begin now to see daylight. You will be pleased to hear of the good news which I communicate.

Our bank business at Lake Geneva – no letter from Mr. Stone since last of March and I had thought of having a run at the Cash publishing and have wrote the Jacks which I furnished to the Lake to photo the "Herald" but not including them yet –

day after [illegible] of the Court. To do it now might exasperate Ridaway who might by giving security appeal the case and keep me waiting much longer. He deserves being exposed, but I get my money without further opposition from him in a legal way I shall be satisfied. I am sitting in the Clerk's Office, hastily writing these few lines. and as it is Saturday and I know you are anxious to hear the result of having obtained final judgment I send you along this letter. I promise to write again when I hear from you on the arrival of Henry.

I must now close, dear wife, hoping that you and the children are well. and with love, from your dear old prospect.

Thos. Lacey.

I had written the last line but one of the verses: "My greeting to receive, and in "meditating" fine" — I thought it rather too much of the cream of the Bachelor Fellow style, and therefore discarded it. Tell.

I think of thee

When lonely and sad, in the moon's silvery light,
Beholding noble Hudson's glittering waters,
Far extending into the night.
Then thinkest thou of me?

I think of thee

Amid flowers and shades, by murmuring fountains,
Listening to sweet music, the warblings of birds,
Gazing upon sublime mountains.
Then thinkest thou of me?

I think of thee,

Thy constancy, patient suffering, gentle love,
Commend thee ever to guardian angels' care,
Having pain in thy plighted love.
God thinkest thou of me?

I think of me

Sweet self! Pray God return thy wandering mate,
Thy offerings to receive, and upon thy breast find
Renewed life, hope and happiness,
Only with thee – with thee!

New York, May 23. 1875. J. W. to A. E. W. Cantings Esq.

Washington D.C.
June 19th/05

"Mr. O'Haley."

Your letter was received this morning and were greatly astonished at the information received in it, regarding Uncle Henry and wife, as we knew nothing of all this. The only news we have heard, was that Uncle was on his way to New York and that I got from Jennie O'Haley with whom I correspond. If you hear any thing from

Please inform, as ~~soon~~ as
we very anxious about them

Yours truly
P. McD. Devito
per
A. McDevito

Fluid of Valerian — 2 to 3 teaspoon be taken whenever have feeling of vacation or palpitation of the heart. Add to glass of water a teaspoon full Fluid of Red Lavender —

San Diego June 17, 1884

Dear Father:-

Having received no answer to my last letter to you I cannot write as I would if I had.

Politics are all the rage and the campaign is becoming very lively. The Democrats have had their convention, (of which I send you papers containing the report,) most of the Democrats are dissatisfied with the nominations, and await the action of the Republican Convention. The Republican primary election takes place to-day the Convention meets on the 27th of this month. By the way things

stand it seems that the Republicans will elect their whole ticket. A strong fight will be made for Sheriff, between James McCoy and Joseph Coyne of Julian. I will say no more about politics, for you will find it all in the "Union."

Business is picking up a little. A few new houses are being built. The preliminary surveys have been completed (of the river) and maps forwarded to San Francisco. Work will commence in a few weeks.

I thank you with all my heart for the "banjo" you sent me. It is a beauty and has attracted heaps of attention. I would rather have it than a dozen guitars. George and I make some very nice music over in a whistling, and I can call the "banjo." I thank you. All well. I remain your son,

Francis H. Brady.

Rec'd July 9/75

San Diego Jan 27th 1875

Dear Pepin

received a letter from you yesterday and I was happy to hear from you. Tomorrow is the Exhibition. My Carroll has had the stone removed and my father Louis is going to deliver the opening address. I have two pieces to recite. Nellie has two and Nannie has three. George is very much pleased with his violin and so is Frank with his Banjo. He says he would not take the best Guitar in the country for it. The case has arrived safely and you

my love and thanks you
for the many things which
you were so kind to send
me. Give my love to Minnie
and Alice Puffer. Tell them I
will write to them soon. We
are very busy getting ready
for the Exhibition. I wish
you were at home so that
you could see the Exhibition.
I hope you will be home
soon. Annie has been so
busy getting ready for the
Exhibition that she makes
to be excused for not having
written to you so long. She
says that she will write to
you the next time. Emma
writes. George thanks you very
much for the Violin which
you were so kind to send him.
Old Tom is so cross that there
is nothing to pick at it. So good bye

New York.
June 24, 1895.

Dear Anna

Henry arrived Sunday with his wife and youngest daughter Annie. As I was at Lida's in Flushing Sunday and did not return and get to Mary G's before Monday evening, I could not see them before that. It so happened that they were there, making anxious enquiries as to my whereabouts. They left home, the 6th and San Francisco the 13th June, coming overland. You were mistaken about seeing Henry's name in the paper May 12th. What was Harry, his son going to San Francisco? Henry says that he was detained from one cause or another on account of the death of his son-in-law and confinement of his daughter.

Theodore leaves with Henry, his wife and daughter for Denver and returned last week

ing. Henry before leaving home did not under-
stand fully the nature of the papers and
and his lawyer advised him not to sign them.
He understands them now and think there
will be no objection on his part. He wants
to strike the provision respecting secrecy to another
the annuity from any diminution "by reason of any"
claim or cause of action now existing against him
stricken from the papers now that the suit brought
by Mrs Willard has been compromised, or to make
provision for the signature of Mrs Harris brought suit
against the estate which probably she can never
maintain. Henry thinks possibly there may be other
claims against mother that she may have, the
which we could not be compelled to pay. The dif-
ficulty will be in case of drawing up the papers
again to get Harriet to come there. He will see
her to day to make the proposition. Should she
refuse I think Henry will content to sign them
as they are. John and I say satisfied with the
business transaction not the claim which
we cannot approve. John will be down to-
morrow and then Henry, he and I will see

New York.
June 24, 1895.

Dear Anna

Henry arrived Sunday with his wife and youngest daughter Carrie. As I was at Lina's in Flushing Sunday and did not return and get to Mary's before Monday evening, I could not see them before they left. It so happened that they were there, making anxious enquiries as to my whereabouts. They left home the 6th and San Francisco the 13th June, coming overland. You were mistaken about seeing Henry's name in the papers May 12th. That was Harry, his son going to San Francisco. Henry says that he was detained from one cause or another on account of the death of his son-in-law, and confinement of his daughter.

Lucretia went with Henry, his wife and daughter to Delhi and returned last week.

Oh is sad, you would have liked her and then would never have been any cause of difference between you and her or between Henry and me — Denny is about the same in fretfulness and emphatic in conversation as ever, being easily excited by the least opposition to his wishes. He is pleasant enough he is as fond of reading and giving advice, delighting in telling how he got the better of this one or that one in some trade. Annie is a very nice quiet little girl, intelligent, learns and very amiable in disposition, gaining ground from Kate or John, the latter of whom I conceive a great dislike to. She is a little fuller than a lady should be, but pleasant looking. I don't know who she looks like.

From Henry's account everything is now flourishing at San Bernardino, the same as they were when I was at San Diego, and from his account he must be doing a lot of work, besides the enhancement in value of his property. I must now close dear Mother, with love to you and the children, from your affectionate husband, Thos. Henry

Mr. Wilkes, another lawyer, and the probability is that within a day or two thereafter all papers will be signed and, perhaps, and the children in possession of a property of the estate worth and preserved, as far as mother wants to give up of the Valley. Henry, John and Dan in favor of selling the property immediately, as mother has the dullness of the times, and purchasing the annuity of $1200 for mother, [illegible] the money, this settling up everything as far as needed and known. The effect of position from Henry's house who will be very angry each of the heirs he received more than they have heretofore received — this may delay the division. Mother too may require a clear explicit accounting, upon the ground that she has turned over everything, to enable her to keep the money she has secured, which we can do for a reasonable time — If she will share under oath that she has turned over all property to us, we may give her the release, and then should be

hesitate find anything we can agree upon, as in that case it would be by paying that he had been able to retain and preventing us obtaining possession of it now. I think probably it will require good grounds to settle up everything, and that it is better that I should remain till it is done.

I wrote you on the 19th that I had obtained a release of Greelyne's mortgage against Ridgway and that the matter was in the hands of a referee for sale &c. I also that young Ridgway connected for his parents had stated to my lawyer the probability of the money being paid in a few days. Since then the property has been advertised, and, as you will see by the slip enclosed, is to be sold the 18th inst. Ridgway may pay however anytime before then and stop further sale.

You will see from all that I have written that my affairs are beginning to assume some tangible shape, and likely to be settled soon. I am very glad indeed that such is the case. I shall rejoice when it is all over and I am seated in the cars speeding my way homeward. I received your photograph the day I started. I wish however you to continue to write to me oftener and more regularly. Your last was dated May 19th. I was at Mary's last evening and very much disappointed when told there was no letter from you.

Tell me dear May how you like the lines sent. Are they not beautiful equal to those I copied from print, from which I conceived the idea? Do try to give my answer to them. I have no doubt but what you are able to do so.

Anna, Henry's wife, has changed very much from what she was when we knew her twenty years ago. She is stouter, weighing perhaps 130 pounds. But the greatest change is in her disposition. I should hardly believe she was the same person. She no longer has that foolish pride, but a great deal of good sense and had you known her twenty years ago as

[illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] let [illegible]
in the [illegible] of [illegible] you,
[illegible] [illegible] come out
all right with the thief. I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he had
all the money on hand
and thought he would
try you, perhaps if you
had threatened to have
him arrested he would
have given you all the
money, his life cannot be
a woman of any principle
to allow him to do such
a dishonorable thing. Make
a body that will be pun-
ished for all that [illegible] have
been [illegible] properly that you
could [illegible] [illegible] body
as friends I did what, but
I say, strengthen thankfully
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

of time as I have found out. There are people visiting me now that have only seen Ruth once for a time or two years, thinking that as we are receiving attention we should be considered as children and babies still. I shall be a very long time in selecting his Clothes. Some of them are very anxious to know what he received on this last Case, I tell them a little under clothing and some of your clothes sent home. The Corset, and 5 pairs of the Kid gloves were entirely too large for either Ruth or myself, I disposed of, not for money, but for shoes, together with the two little pink and blue silk Rhenish

pieces of mixed material silk, and four pairs of colored stockings entirely too small for any of our children. The Kid Gloves I got $1.25 apiece for, the cotton plain pair $1.25, embroidered one $1.75: hoping to make them give some for them. The socks and stockings I got a pair, flat glove $1.50 a pair, but all in bottle as no one was selling or had money to give. I was in hard of things that there girls buying George a pair of pants and two pairs of socks to get all good things. I would like to dispose of two or three hats but no one buying them so I will keep all my things, nothing but we can use from time to time and all in your order cotton

Recd July 7/75

U.S. Ship
Fort Diego
June 24th 1875

My dear husband.

According to
promise in my last letter to
you (sent eight or ten days
ago) I write you every spare
day, I now sit down for a
few minutes to fulfil my
promise to the young Miss
I am in receipt of your
dear letter, we like
your plan to Frank and one
to Lillie for the boats they
will thank you. Now tell
that you taking Rest you
mean this longer, but letter
per mail let Lillie have as
you can get letter up, and
the boat's be with you. Off
on mail for a time

got a quality for which he
we are grateful, and can
now trade in respect to the
appearance. The cotton
dress Ramon bought is so
heavy and they see that
intends to be very careful
of whatever they get, that
helped to give up the fur
pelisse, but the blue cloth
is small for such big
strong girls, the brown ones
are very fine and nice and
that is sufficient, everything
is of the best quality and
he thanks you very much
but it would be much
better if you had kept some
of the money for your own
comfort, as you are so thing
of family. Francisco is doing
a little better in the office
this week, & still should be
thankful if you would send

[illegible] Flour, Coffee, Sugar, Tea
[illegible] tobacco, Sundry &c
[illegible] get as little of [illegible]
the Cabs as I do not like
Schilling's lobby when I go
there. Every one is greatly
but the Frenchman who
fixed the roof of the house
[illegible] he wants his money,
the roof is leaking although
we have not had any
heavy rains to test it.
Miss Cara married Mr Schilling
here last week. Every one
is taken by surprise as
she is a [illegible], then (when
she told them she would
marry in three months)
hunted her out of the
house she was married
at Mrs McElroy's house.
Cara will have to become
a Jew I suppose, as they say
he will not [illegible]
[illegible] married.

The Things you sent me
are so pretty indeed and
appropriately I have read
them several times and
find them more pleasing
each time inasmuch as you
changed them to suit us
both. I thank you very much
for them and can only
[illegible] "Would I were like
thee forever" etc.

"Would that my
form possessed the magic
power"

"To follow where my
heavy heart would be!"

The [illegible] you
speak of in the "[illegible]
be in [illegible] you must
get rid of right away, it
may make you sick
again. Since Mr [illegible]
told me that [illegible]

[illegible] I have
not cut one mole of them
and have been [illegible] to
many [illegible] I imagine I
have in Jefferson hopely.
I have been my last I feel
a little better my face is
getting well but wound
in eye there is a perfect
[illegible] the skin fills up
and then goes down and
[illegible] again. I [illegible] better
[illegible] to give. I am [illegible]

I am very [illegible] in need
of all the things appertaining
to the house, if you
think you can spare the
money after paying [illegible] and
[illegible] to and can [illegible]
if you can get them by
cheap as you say for them
[illegible] get them, make
[illegible] ideas [illegible] as they
[illegible]

I'll write from me in
Fairmount today to you.
I must now close, the
children send love and
kisses to Grandpa and
to you little dogs.

Well for a week any
effort. Nothing has
kept busy in Telegraphic
importance as Mary Jane
is coming home soon.
It is something to look
forward to. Sunshine has
built full our hearts with
joy and glad may be the
time day spent once more
amongst us. I cannot say
I will be perfectly well when
she returns as the Dr thinks
I may go on the train for
sometime to come. But I
am promised not to think
of it as my trouble to prepare
as I have learned to keep

and to take upon herself
many the debt after paying
the mortgage. I must close
with a warm heart with
me for home. Some day
I will off for Godley to
visit for the first time
nearly always. Godley and
cannot deal the blow of
taken up all our energy to
unfortunate this place except
our prospects for a home
to good. The action of
Congress will be watched
superior. The exhibition
will be to be commencing
the Cars come just in time
to enable the children to
make a good appearance
before it is natural they
matter, the only pity and
matter is the very crowd they
such, they look shy tick
for, the boy breakin and

Dearest Mother I felt grieved for dear Husband
for the Exhibition, anxiety and keeps up good com-
pany but time for the old age, all will be right I hope,
Nora. Time has made up of it a very tame Pony
the fresh and lively and not to burn. Pooh
of her worry well, and on the Mountain and
he have made little the letter me you an hall
a Pique, they out of my to young and hale
the Chief Pigeon, the and thats you low for
a Lucky a Young hand you old home be Jam
on board that I thought they, It pray me to
for the pensively that would think that you have
by the Exhibition and all is good feeling for the day
we do my respect to us. Please you let find
I will tell you more of it by that I will indeed
on doing the he kept, and at parting the gently bell
has he kept Thursday may be good for you after
week. I hope your health so much improved.
will be better after you. In a the rose are broke
turn only the bad tenant, and with to the remember
you Nora. that an empty. My Dulcinea lady sequely
hoped to better that an. he is in the Exhibition office
has tenant, turn him and has his room herself
lonely, I will good can of us, he is company for us.

report of my last feeling of
all to Papilly. I am up
and down all the time,
all lately of these attacks
for right - and left - of
am not taking off sudden
in all right. I will rest
up and do my work, all
I wants is for you to come
home - so can rest then
I will be contented and happy
and then we can take
care of our mother, in
sickness and health. Only
Write Always. Mi. expects
Mia.

From your loving
& devoted wife
Anna E. Haley.

"I think of thee" always.

New York, June 20th 1875.

My Dear Wife.

I was agreeably surprised when informed last evening by Mary Gibbs that she had a letter for me also a packet of newspapers - and concluded it a reward for my patience in going there so repeatedly, since the arrival of Henry, and the great disappointment which I have felt so long without a single line from home. your last being of the date of May 19th. forty days previous! You had told me in a former letter, for which I had been waiting nearly as long, that your intention was to "start in again and write them". I do not wish to blame you, knowing how uncertain you have been and perhaps impossible for you to write. But I do think that some of the children might and ought to have written for themselves at your desire. My I am to be neglected by them when it is impossible for you to write I would like to be informed of. The more matter it is for you to write the greater is the merit. for them to do so. and I hope that

the thing will never occur again. The children seemingly are working in proper respect for you and entirely beyond your control, since becoming, as you appear to be, almost constantly sick. I am sorry indeed for this for I had thought that they were all tenderly devoted to their mother nearly to avoid to you at all times and particularly more so when unable to assist yourself. They must do better than they have been doing or there will be a day of reckoning for them. I hope to return home soon with means and reward them according to their deserts as represented by you. Or they had better look out if they expect anything from me. I do not know that I return home when to enforce respect and obedience when they no longer give it to you because you are sick and unable to enforce it. I judge that this is so from the tenor of your letter. I am sorry in thinking so you need not mention to them what I have written, but if I am right I wish them to understand that they have incurred my displeasure, or those of them who have failed in duty and attention towards you. I write Georgie particularly some time ago and from time to time I have impressed upon the others in the most gentle way the importance of treating you with the kindest consideration since you have become an invalid, and I had hoped that their good sense had dictated to them how to act without being compelled to say anything further. My desire is that they should not only love and respect you but one another, and if they do this I shall be happy and they will have the reward of their own conscience.

I am sorry very sorry dear Nan to hear of your continued illness and the affliction from which you were suffering when you wrote last, and hope that you speedily recovered from it and will shortly regain your health entirely. Do not be discouraged, bear up as long as your fortitude can and let us hope that the time is not far distant when we shall be restored in more prosperous circumstances and able to participate in the pleasures which I have in contemplation for you. I think of you a great deal and love you as much now, if

possible more than ever. Time is but love, increasing as the years roll on, Never have I ceased to love you from the hour I first knew you and though I should live a thousand years, the love implanted in my bosom by your maidenly heart will for all time continue to grow. You may not always have appreciated me as you should have done, my ways may not have been always the most winning owing to the peculiarity of my disposition. but as for my love it has been most constant, most enduring. and I do hope and trust that hereafter you will accept from me for just as sound, with the most positive assurance that though I may be lacking in many things the want of love for you is not of the number. I hope on my return to find you changed in disposition towards me as fond and loving as you were once and then I can be far happier than I have been for several years past. and not the miserable creature which I have been, constantly seeking, without being able to attain, your love so resolutely withheld from me. I fain myself that this will be the case, and I look forward to my return home with the greatest degree of

pleasures. at the oasis of constant Spring, and enduring joys. God grant that I may not be disappointed in my expectations! I have suffered long and patiently, and, were it not for the hope of some happiness with you in the future, I should not care to live any longer. This thought which has sustained and still continues to sustain me the hope of being you once more and receiving assurances of your constant love and devotion - the same as you once lavished upon me so freely - which if I can again win make me perfectly happy.

O, think of me

Sweetest Self! Pray God when thy wearying mile,
Thy anxious to receive, and upon thy breast find
Renewed life, hope and happiness,
Only with thee - with thee!

This is the closing verse of some lines which I sent you some time ago and which I hope you received. They were of my composition, the first ever unmakers, and I did not seem for the inspiration, thinking of you, I don't think I could ever have written them. I think they and

very beautiful, equal in sentiment to the ones I copied and sent to you and from which I first conceived the idea of those sent to you. I should please me to receive your story to them expressed in verse or even in prose, as I believe that there is enough of sentiment and feeling in your soul to be able to communicate something if you will but make the attempt a thousand times more than in me.

I think and mean that you express yourself too much, unnecessarily, at times when feeling well, and that that is the cause of your getting ill. Why do you do this when you know that the present state of your constitution will not admit of the least expense? You must at all times take exceedingly good care of yourself until such time as you are well enough to endure exposure. Your constitution at the present time is such that you are liable to be made very sick by the least indiscretion. You must not fatigue yourself, or expose yourself in any manner from to change from hot to cold. I should think there were children enough to do all, without ever requiring you to do anything whatever. If they are not considerate enough for you in this respect they must become so, if ever they wish to see you well again, the lively little mama which you have always been. Tell them for me that I shall expect them to take the best of care of you and to do all they can to get you well soon.

New York Thursday Aug. 8th 1895.

I returned from Ohio yesterday morning, where I had been with Henry to see the daughter passing the time since the 3rd. I cannot say I was pleasantly passed on account of the exceedingly hot weather, though Ohio & Elizabeth did all they possibly could to entertain me. Monday being the 4th the nation's great festival day was celebrated on the following day. The parade of the good Odd Fellows was a long one and had a limited amount of fireworks in the evening. There were

congregated at the house including neighbors ~~and~~ relatives and friends of the family between 20 or 25 persons. Probably more than Tom ever entertained at his country home before and more than he will again in the old kitchen and it is his intention to put it down this week with the view of enlarging his house. He will have a nice place when finished according to his plans. He moves into another house this week, will remain there two or three months by which time he hopes to have his house ready to move back again. Tom's family, at home, consists of himself, wife, Jennie, Tom, Addie, Fanny Brazile, his nephew, Tom McCann (who is boarding with them) Mary Elizabeth's daughter, a carpenter and farm boy. The idea may judge we were rather crowded at table as well as for sleeping room. But we fared along finely - plenty of fresh butter, butter milk, eggs, hogs & c. &c

Chains and cement and stretchers
down here and we have our fire & tools.
We intended to have returned to the City
Tuesday but on account of a severe
rain storm were detained Wednesday
morning. In the evening I
went over to Mary Gibbs - got home
Letter of Nov 24th came preceding one
from Nellie in which I thank you very
much. It seems mean to me
when I receive letters from home in-
deed glad to hear that you were better
than when you wrote on the 16th or 19th
previous - and I hope you will continue
to improve. No doubt but what
you will recover entirely, but you
must take good care of yourself and
the children must take good care of you.
I shall look forward to your next letter
and the ones from the children giving
an account of their school examinations.
They must write to me from time to time
whether we shall receive letters for letter

as what I write to you be in answer to yours. I want to hear from them — besides the news which I write to them to write. Willie's letter is not as well written as the grandma writes. It may be on account of the miserable ink she used. I am glad that the things arrived before the 5th October came off — so that they were able to make a respectable appearance.

You do right to dispose of the things, (such as you cannot use,) I wish while the corsets, gloves &c, as soon as I can. I have some forty pairs of gloves of different sizes, some too large for any girl, which I bought at 50 cts per pair. They are all of the best quality — I wish to have them as well as the things by the Howard but was disappointed. I have besides many other useful things and as soon as I can write by mail, such as shading, shirting, sacks &c &c for you, the girls and the boys, and pack them in a box with a lace sewing machine and send it overland. I am anxious that you all shall have everything to make you comfortable.

You are anxious to know me when and promise not to whine or be any trouble to me, having learned, do you say, to keep out of your way quite so well.

I am at a loss to know to you, but do not suppose that I want you to keep your troubles to yourself. I want you to share of them, if you have any, and share them with you as I have heretofore always been willing to do had you only have permitted me to do so. I wish you to confide all your troubles to me as I intend to confide mine to you, and in this manner neither of us will find ourselves so hard to bear — I used to take good care of you and you did so again if you would confide in me and allow me to. I think then we be no difficulty to overcome and no anxious thoughts.

to commence the [illegible] on the 13th June the
bad weather, going to Ottawa and they only
mounted. I think again I was in error
in the finding of that I should have something
more to communicate. I cannot say that
I have, even after hearing his statement. Mr.
Holloway did not pay the insertion the first
morning on the Ottawa Citizen & Ottawa
Times amounting to one pound coming from
March 6th to March 1st. Consequently the
man commenced suit for foreclosure and made
me and other defendants. I saw his lawyer
explained matters, my position &c, accepted
service, or rather I did the same and author-
ized W. W. Corbett Esq. to act for me in
defending the suit. My in error of
from the date of the judgment to come off
in the R. M. under foreclosure of mortgage.
Would come off not the same. The ob-
ject was to have the [illegible] sold
subject to the State [illegible] and
the price more than [illegible]
in cash. Mr. [illegible] called

Mrs Ridgway in consequence of her husband's trouble, it is said, died on the fourth of July after a protracted illness of consumption. and was buried early yesterday. Her death is a severe blow to Ridgway as it proved he thought a great deal of her, and, though the man has treated me so badly I cannot help feeling some sympathy for him in his great affliction!

Going to the settlement made with Mrs Ryland, the woman who sold the grating to Mrs St. Henry objected to the provision made in the agreement and refused to sign the papers for her benefit. Shin and I consented to sign the papers omitting the same provision Harriet would do the same. Henry said he. The consentes the papers were drawn up anew and signed on the second of this month by all of us except Harriet. Henry



they say that provided the $60.66 in cash and the costs $50.00 are paid immediately they will withdraw the suit as their client does not wish to draw in the $600 if it is promptly paid. They are very indignant against Ridgway to whom they have written repeatedly without an amount of interest in getting any reply. They again now having communicated the first time the position of affairs in the matter. and say on payment of $60.66 int and $35.00 of the costs they will withdraw it. I was in favor of this but my lawyer says better not take after the sale for some reason and he thinks that we have no trouble to get a letter from Mr Lawrence who was at the sale that upon the payment of $60 int and costs that the $600 can remain on the property once at the purchaser

to claim. This would be equal to selling subject to the $8000 mortgage and the property would sell for at least $7500. or $1000 more than though sold entirely for cash. My object is to get back I can for the house, enough if possible to pay me at once without the necessity of selling the furniture held under a chattel mortgage or the commencing foreclosure suit against me from in Jersey — this would be making quick work and I would soon be my funds again.

I hardly expect to be able to quite this — The house cost 5 yrs ago $13.000 It is a nice three story brown stone — But property has depreciated very much. Probably it would not sell for more than $9.000 or $10.000 at most to pay me and the costs it must sell for at least $10.000 so that if it would sell for $9.000 I must look for the deficiency in the chattel mortgage on the furniture and all the furniture will not bring probably over $1000 (Mind) look for the balance out of the farm in Jersey —

Should the house not sell for enough it will be some time before I can get any money from Ridgway. Though I think I can do that little court but that I will get it all.

The farm is of 90 acres in North Hampton. cost 10 years ago $15.000 It is mortgaged for $12.500. Said to be worth $18.000 but as the mines are discovered may not sell for much more than to pay prior encumbrances.

I look upon it as Mighty Luck

Submitted them to her and she said that she would have to consult her lawyer (and we told her Joseph J. Ridgeway Esq.) before signing. In consequence of the illness and death of his wife, the papers were placed in his hands for examination only to day. If he approves, they will be signed this evening and tomorrow R will return them to Riker, not this lawyer. Two complete sets of papers are submitted to her the old and the new. They lack only her signature to be complete. The main paper is the agreement stipulating what things she is entitled and the children are to do. The old agreement is signed by Harriet and she is bound under it and must be signed the other papers carrying out the provisions. But in case she signs the new

agreement & will be substituted in place of the old one & the new papers carrying out the provisions will take the place of the old ones.

Oh & mean the old agreement that John and I received $600 and though the new one takes its place we will put a new receipt for the money expended.

I am trouble from Harriet and so does John and Henry. Since learning that one still intends Ridgeway for her lawyer — I believe for the sake of making trouble he ~~wou~~ may advise her not to sign the new agreement and accompanying papers or ~~the~~ compare the papers under the old agreement which she had signed and should she do this I feel sure suit will be commenced upon the old agreement & compel her to compare the papers. At any rate there is no doubt trouble ahead & some kind instigated by Ridgeway who wants to make a good fee if he can possibly. Henry has fallen out with Harriet and mother since his arrival here and said that he never will be friendly with them again — that certainly he will not go to see them!

He called with his wife the day he arrived — on their return took them down to shop tea — though she did ask them to come a time —

Mother, I think Nora wrote to ask Harriet, and of course Harriet went there to see mother because he was falling out with both. Harriet was always present at all his interviews with mother ex-

cph. ord. I do not think that
mother can be partiality for
Harriet. She is going in the Com-
ty poorly and on her return
will go somewhere else to live —
Harriet certainly does not
care for mother, but would like
to have her there in case of her
death.

I find the papers be signa-
ture according to agreement
mother declares the deeds of the
property to be (they are signed
and in Riker's hands for this
purpose.) The trouble apprehended is in the division of the
property — John Hunting
I wish it could at once. Harriet
is opposed to this — says she tried



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but in case she signs the new

are due - that we can receive
others if we work but not finding
that we cannot compel him to
sell — We can not very well
get our money out of the prop-
erty without selling it. No one
will buy 3/4 of a house or will
not give at much first.
There is no doubt but what we can
compel him to sell, though he
do as the cows eat money do
a pair horse and we have to be
commenced.

But I am anticipating trouble
enough to write about it when
it comes —

I am glad to hear that Brother B.
Nan can do the fine work making
their dresses and Sister in making
bread &c - each one according to
their talents.

I am much mean coat or bearing
and [illegible] ..

I am greatly surprised to hear of Carl marrying Miss Schiller. I always supposed that more likely he would marry Miss Smith. Give him my regards – and wish him and his bride joy for me. I don't see why a jewess should not make as good christian as for a christian to make a good jew. I received a letter from J. S. McC. written by Carl so that what I talked to him had no effect. I am sorry to hear that the hay scales do not pay more this is the season when they should be coining down money –

The Frenchman who fixed the roof said he would wait till I returned home for his pay. You must hold him to his promise – not so hard upon him to wait, as for me to be kept waiting. I am glad to hear that you had whole clothes to put back since the arrival of the case and hope you may never be without again.

I enclose a prescription which Mary Ibbs needs every for palpitation of the heart – she is troubled much that way – says it affects her sleep. You can ask your doctor about it.

I also enclose recipe for Chocolate Icing for Cake – given me by Mary Bofell which I know is good having eaten some of her manufacture.

Tell Nannie to try and learn upon the guitar. I think it an easy matter. I'm sure I do so. And let Willie and Robert have a chance at it as well. I want them all to learn what they can when chances have been made.

I am glad to hear that Frank & George appreciate their advantages but wished learning music. They

ought to remember that there are many more interesting things to learn. I think that you had better send the children medicines for anything they require & please do so at once. I might write more — but the afternoon has been excessively warm — it is now a cool evening. I must go to take my evening meal at the Refreshment. I continue very with rheumatism and it is rather difficult for me to write or sign my name so recognisable. I did not feel at all well only once the warm weather set in — always perspiring and I suppose going in the cars has upset it! I have not got rid of my troublesome tenant yet. I suppose to a horrible close for me — I have not forgotten the last hymn I sent you — but I think it a dear thing — When I get my mind easy I think I will take it up. The 12th of this month Mrs Appleton has been dead two years — Miss at young office the other day — Mrs and Jennie are in the Country. I will go to the house some day but I don't go any where else — Mrs Chamberlain & Roger Sunday and Julian Lillie & Mrs Hugh to the grave — Mr Rummaerman & Wallace and other friends are well to you and children — Your loving husband — Tom Hallett

July

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San Diego July 1st 1872

Dear Chas

Mama received a letter from you yesterday evening. We were all glad to hear from you. Mama is going to write to you today. The Exhibition passed off very nicely. Miss Carrie had her piano there. Enclosed you will find the notice and programme of the exhibition. The Puff was written by Frank and put in the Union. They will have a grand time in New York on the Fourth of July. ~~[illegible]~~ We are all invited to spend the Fourth at Mrs Wallacks but Mama will not go because she has been sick. Nannie will stay at home ~~with her. We are having~~ Vacation now. George is highly

delighted with it. Willie and
is playing away on it up stairs
They have not turned the Dime
yet they have only made the
two keys. We hope to see you home
soon as Mama received a letter from
you yesterday saying that you
had hopes of getting your money
which Mr Lowery owes from you.
The box contained many useful
and beautiful things all of which
we appreciate and thank you
very much for. It came in time
for the Exhibition as we should
not have been able to attend
it. I send my love to you and
a great many kisses

From your affectionate child
Emma S. Whaley.

P.S. Please get the sewing
machine fixed as fast as they
will. Mr. Fry.

[illegible]

Dear Father

As it is so long since I have written I feel that it is impossible to write for a few lines and thank you for the many kindnesses shown to me since I have arrived in London. I hope you are very anxious for you children and trust that it will not be long before you will be able to do so. Last Monday (27th June) we had a delightful day, when we had very pleasant & large travelling but you see as the exhibition so there is no need of anything worth [illegible] in my dull nothing going. I expect to dance once in a while [illegible] Dear Father as I cannot think of anything more to write about this time I will close with a longer and better letter. As it is getting very late I will close my letter by sending

[illegible] that we have
received some [illegible]

Your loving daughter
Anna [illegible] Whaley.

P.S. Please send me half a yard of
frizette Enclosed you will find a piece of
my hair. I forgot to say that I am very
much pleased with the Guitar which every body
says it is a very good one. Your daughter
Anna [illegible] Whaley.

Colorado.
Fine Lego
July 1st 1875.

My dear Eastland.

Received in the evening
of yours of the 1st June, and
many thanks. I told you in
my letter of the 28th ult. that
I would write a few lines
every week, Tuesday, Wednesday
being Thursday I will write
you a few lines, Some visitors
having called this morning I
must let my letter lie over
till tomorrow, Now take up
my letter, it is midday Rang-
ing along, and on the way
there hill hang a young man
at present confined for
murder, he is only 18 years
old, [illegible]

so we had left our home
the dead to one little children
Hans mintelf, he being in
fact also, feigning crazy, so
that they cannot hang the
Orders one little such time as
he gets well, as the young
one but going to-day, too
bad as he is so young.
We are all well at present,
I feel better than I did a
week ago, I am getting thin
do not care to exert myself
much, and tires very quickly
if this is the change of life
coming on me, I am afraid
it will go hard with me
when the worst comes, but
I will not borrow trouble
but fight along as well
as I can. We are all delight
ed with all the comfortable
clothing you sent us, the
girls have made us three

three dresses apiece, and
both quite respectable and
look like as well off as
one who thinks of this
white mohair dress body,
finely with pink silk and
flowers, and skirt with the
black flounce, have laundry
she did not bring, and my
changed with me, I trimmed
the sleeves up with the
too much and flounce, then
she wanted it, so I let her
have it again. I also only
heard anything yet for me
as I am not in good health,
all I want are two or three
comfortable suits to go out
in town. I feel pretty well
the wrappers you sent me
fit me very well a little
too long in front, I tire
in them, and I did not have
to use them, [illegible]

[illegible] help them in all day. I think if I had a linen suit all made up, I could live in it all summer, sew in bed, eat, and not keep me so busy. I cannot tell you how thank fortune the girls can do all their own sewing now, cutting and fitting with my help a little, if I want anything sewed I must do it myself. The sewing machine Mrs Bush gave me has been a very great help to us, but now it will scarcely ever work well, it has been in use six years altogether, and I suppose it is worn out, it is a hand machine. I would like to have a good machine [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] are all [illegible] for you to come home, all but Lodge who [illegible] upon its that you are never coming home. I have just told the chief that I spoke of, together with enough ribbon to trim it, and few flowers. all of which I shall charge more than you paid for. If you come to me for my things then must you come more, I must close this my letter as it is getting late, we all hope matters will be settled up soon. now, do you mean come home to us soon. The last lines you sent me were very creditable and I like them very much. If you keep on you will become quite a poet.

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] dear Papa [illegible] for you to come home to us and you will find [illegible] very much changed but very glad to see you. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Poppets [illegible] much and feels very lonesome without him.

Children all send love and plenty of kisses to Papa. From

Your loving and devoted
Wife
Anna C. Wheeler

Everything you sent us in the case & [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] us very much in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Love [illegible] Wife
[illegible]

[illegible]

and [illegible] a sewing machine bill to, I to put part in cabinet. You can get one cheaper and better in New York than here, even if you have to pay freight, I would like one that runs lightly, and easily managed. You would have to learn how to run and clean it, so as to teach me or the children. If you can get the Singer for the price as low as $30 a Stevens, it is cheaper than you could think of getting a second hand one here, a good second hand Stevens is better than a new one of other make. A buggy the same, and furniture also, I have made a few inquiries, and find the cash price for a three [illegible]

that you could buy new
for greenbacks in New York.
Coal and bedding is high
here too, good plain crockery
would be acceptable too, but
I do not wish you to spend
all your money that way,
we must pay debts and
have something to live on
for sometime to come, make
many calculations when you
get your money, and if you
find that you will not have
much left, they drawn in and
do not buy much, a Sewing
Sewing machine and Buggy
you can get and the other
things too when you see how
you will come out, I know
the Freight will be considerable,
but as times grow
harder here, you will see
that they ask more and
more for things. Pat Crane
will not sell his house or
furniture now, as he says
that they will return if they
get better, he is good, Mr
Patrick can manage things
the same then. When you write
let me know about the bill
you think of purchasing and
how much money you
have, and we can see then
what is best to be done.
We are out of everything,
carpets off the floors no
bedding, we are glad to have
the Knives and forks and
spoons, I broke nearly dozen
of each, we want nothing
fine, but good and substan-
tial if we can afford them,
it will depend upon how
much money you get. I am
delighted you will come
out all right with Kidpering
the cattle, good enough

[illegible] up to the
Age and the Attitude publish
him, he deserves it! for thus
my Cousin making so much
trouble and expense for
you, the other Cousins Good-
rich will take a slice too
I suppose, it seems to me that
if you pay these much
Cousins the Sureyers will get
all your money away from
you. I do not think Henry
has left home yet, he is
doing well in his Saloon
and says he does not need
any money and does not
care to be mixed up in
the affairs against this
Mother, but State talks of
going on to New York. Judge
McNeale will come back
soon from San Bernardino
where he has been holding
court and then I will find
out for [illegible]

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court and then I will find
out for

"I think of thee always" Old Town
July 8" 1874
San Diego

My dear Husband.

Your mail ed June 24" came to hand safely, for which I thank you, the good news of Henry's arrival in New York, and that you are coming to some settlement with the thief Ridgway is all very cheering, inasmuch as it will expedite your return home soon now, you have had a long fight of it, and must be very weary and tired out and I suppose you will enjoy a little quiet and peace of mind, well if you want quiet, you can get a full measure

of it and more than you
want to I think. Dull
and Stupid is no name
for this place, if it were
not for the young folks get
ting up some little frolics
once in awhile, there would
never be anything going on,
but Mr Evans hauling wood
around. Frank and George
and the "Club" keep things
a little lively. Frank thinks
there never was just such
another Banjo anywhere and
George the same with his
violin which I think is a
good one. Nan thanks
you for her Guitar and the
many other presents you
sent her. I told you in my
last that I had disposed
of a few things to get shoes
for the children for the
Exhibition I got more than
than cost for some and cost
for others, I have sold very little
as I see that people would
try to skin me close, so I
only disposed of what was
too small for the children
and shall hold on tight to
everything else. The two little
silk parasols, Pink & Blue
I got $2.50 for, three pairs corsets
entirely too big for either Nan
or me, they being No. 24 & 25,
when we only take No 19
for Nan, and 21 for me. I
got $4.75 cts in trade, some
merino sock and striped
stockings all too small for
any one, I got about 40 cts
a pair all around, Sandy
wool hose I sold in a
bunch, The Chip straw you
sent Nan she did not want
as it was too small, I trim
med and sold to Mrs
Jenkins for $4.50 in Cash

and a pair of Corsets to 4
Mrs Leahy for $1.50 in Cash
and the Lamby wool hose
to her also for Cash is all
the Cash I could get for
my things, so I propose keep-
ing the other things as we
can use them all, no one
seems disposed to give full
cost of anything want all
for nothing. Mrs Leahy tried
to buy some of my pink
ribbon, and set her own
price on it, I refused right
pat, told her I had just
enough for my own use
and none to spare. I have
stuck right down on dispos-
ing of anything else, you
speak dear Poppet in your
letter of buying household fur-
niture and a Piano, Buggy
and Sewing machine in
New York, I think at the
present low state of Green

back. It would be better
to buy in New York than
to bring all your Greenbacks
here, losing so much, rather
than to pay all debts and
to live on. I would propose
your buying a Stimson Plain
a sewing machine, a Howe
straight-needle and shuttle
table machine, second hand
if you wish. Mrs Howard
says that the Howe straight
needle and shuttle machine
are the easiest managed
and sew through anything.
You will please learn how
to run it so as to teach
me. A table machine is
what I want. A Buggy, a
strong one and large enough
to suit yourself. Crockery
will be very acceptable at
this time, wholever you
can get second hand and
good and trim, get it,

that boy we can save
enough to pay freight, and
better articles and more
for your money there here
as they ask so much ha
when breaking up house-
keeping. I do not want you
to buy any silks, but one
apiece for the girls, and
then let them be Gunning
silks, check black and white
for the children, and a stripe
for Nan, and a black silk
for me, if you can but do
not think I am in that
respect I may not live
to wear what I have. If
you find your money getting
low quit right away, we
will always have enough
I think. I would like to
send George to school, he
seems to be growing up an
ignorant man. This school
is no good one for him,
he is not learning anything
and the others are at a
stand still, too many scholars
and only one teacher.

Do not any prospects bring
anything to sell, but what
we can use and then do
not lay all your money up
save the biggest portion
of it to bring home to live
on. I am glad you got
Ridgway in a tight place
perhaps he will work
over now as he can see
no loop hole to get out of.
his wife is as much of a
thief as he. I am glad you
like Henry's wife, it is
well she has changed, now
I suppose everyone will like
her, your mother too and
Elizabeth. I would like to
see her very much, give
her my love, and tell her
to come to San Diego and
pay me a visit when
she returns home, remem-
ber me to Henry, give
my love to John, and

tells him I often think of him and like him better than the rest of his relations. My love to Mrs Gibbs daughter Mrs Irwin, and Mrs van Tassel, and last but not least by any means my love to Corinne and family. She has not written yet to me. I am feeling better than I did a few weeks ago. I have not had my fixings for almost two months now, and expects when they do come on it will be with a rush, that is what frightens me, and weakens me so. My face and back are almost clear from that breaking out, my head aches mostly all the time, but I can bear that if other things do not pile on so fast. Such is life, no security

[illegible] must not expect [illegible]
[illegible] health [illegible]
[illegible] feel pretty well [illegible]
[illegible] look forward to your [illegible]
with [illegible]
[illegible] remember [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] tell me that I am [illegible] living
now quiet [illegible]
[illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible]
I will [illegible] for the [illegible]
myself [illegible]
[illegible]
are all more anxious [illegible]

[illegible] I shall [illegible]
[illegible]
I know that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] I think it was [illegible]
[illegible] Kinny [illegible]
[illegible] forget. Now [illegible]
[illegible]
you. [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] to see you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Ella [illegible]
yours [illegible]

next day they were dressed
nicely. Violet with her
Pink and white Japanese
silk and new hat trimmed
with Pink and flowers
and Lillie a white Pique
and hat trimmed with blue
and flowers and their brown
Parasols and new Gloves
and nice hand Reticule.
They looked nice and a
great deal of notice was
taken of them I suppose
because they were so nicely
dressed that is the way
of the world. Mr Selby
took them down in
his open Carriage with
other children. Mrs Selby
splurges around in her
little pony Phaeton (with
a coat of arms on it) quite
a nobby. I told her if it
had been mine it would
have been half worn out
by this time. She seems
to be afraid the sun

will hurt it: I go out very
little not being able at this
to walk much when I feel
pretty well I jump into the
stage and go to New Town
and stay with Mrs Poole
or Mrs Wallack or Mrs Stoe
Klow she has a little son
now. Mr Battaile asked
me to-day to sell him six
pairs of those fine Socks
you have for yourself I
did not like to at first,
but being in want of mon-
ey I consented, he gave
me forty cents a pair for
them. The boys have all
the under clothes they want
for the present but they
need suits. Frank begins
to complain some about
not being able to keep his
money for clothes. I tell
him you will make it
all right with him when

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of Homeopathic Medicine for ordinary use, as books comes with it, and indeed dear, perhaps you need no Physician then as I can testify to. I was very nervous while sick in S. F. and this Early gave me a few globules out of the chest of medicine and since then I have not felt nervous at all. Such she also gave me some to relax my womb as I had such intense pain, and could not flow easily, they also worked the pains away and I flowed well and now feel better in my head and chest. She has been a month's nurse for Hurt — you see such she knows, and she wants me to get one of those chest

I have of other medicines and not have
that I should relish in very severe cases.
The Dr wants me to drink plenty of milk,
and eat mush and milk, eggs, but cannot
get a drop of milk here, and that I
must have all the reality I drink was
the water here. Jeff at my Aldeles, if I
could get a cow cheap it would be better
but I cannot get a cow here either. Now
please do not let me up and walking
or anything. I feel that a change
now would be good for us all. I hear
if I can get something to do, if not
they will move us here and around



the rest of our lives. Good get money
for some reality and only not let
me know where he gets it. He always
has money in his pocket, he gets it out
since he will not let me know where it is
right time that you took him in hand,
make something of him, you ask him
where he gets this money from. I am glad
you are well and spirits looking and
thank you for your good opinion of me
and only wish you would always think
so. My love to Carrie and hope she will
come out of her trouble all right. Down
here we do not need lift her to hope to
see her some day. I hope you get out

[illegible] touch, enough of it could have convinced [illegible] friends
monday as the Dr told me
I do, he said it would [illegible]
[illegible] and strength [illegible]
which would be thought
carry me through safely. Dr
Hammond therefore he was a
[illegible] Dr Hutchinson
the physician [illegible]
[illegible] Clemmer [illegible]
to [illegible] Emperor
[illegible] me, [illegible]
[illegible] Dr [illegible]
[illegible] again [illegible]
[illegible] present
[illegible] could [illegible]
any [illegible] people are [illegible]
they both give me [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] can [illegible]
[illegible] to come [illegible]
[illegible] offers [illegible]
[illegible] here [illegible]
but we are all [illegible] here

Compositor: Garrison helps you
and you can see you work
clean. Why, I will tell you a little
day I glad to get home, expected
by for the children who are
just waiting to see their precious
little boy. Georgie will grow
up and go to school and be a big
only boy. He is among the little
ones, and in each he is
not lost, but they know he is
loved, and his heart is full
from help. There are days
learned a trade, and the
boys teaching Mr. Dorr. Boys
boys who does not care for
study and he must be taught
a trade of some kind, not
a commonplace trade, but some
thing that will stir up the
energies, and bring forth
boys the best in them, and
be sensible, he thinks much
should interest, and men
this the time, and we can

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[illegible] much talk in our
[illegible] month, and when you come
home will pay you debts. I know it
is very easy you have to do not pay
the dollars to pay one. It would make
great trouble. I am glad to see
most and I will try and keep it to
Lowenstein's. I am going away and left
my [illegible] with them. I find many
other likewise perfectly dead there. Not
place for us yet. Surely expect [illegible] see more
next week about [illegible] attorney
he was satisfied with it when it [illegible] show
[illegible] to him. I think it is [illegible]

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[illegible] to make more [illegible]
he is helping hand. I shall have the
homestead priced up next week too. [illegible]
we should have here. I could have in
glad made to come out. They I have
[illegible] in to hold our [illegible] for us
till [illegible] come as we return. I do not
think I have [illegible] one dollar. Consider
from [illegible] are according to the new
law. [illegible] will see that you get into
something to do. I feel so [illegible] more. I have
time fearful [illegible] change. The [illegible]
here is enough to [illegible] some [illegible]
[illegible] up. I think of Sunday 22 5 P. M.
[illegible] I will [illegible] case of
[illegible]

and be dead enough place
this is now worse than ever
I don't know if it really was his
fault up to date in fact it
you can possibly get anything
to do where you are, I do
not know you dear girl would
be content to live with
your family around you
in the place upon the
of the earth I think
round and round would be
when you were home
once more perhaps this
Doville, then go
the grade in the
not no more stay
he got to roll down
crawl at come here
at one time and
now unless you
something in business
you succeed in which
place me about
else of this fine building, and

you will give them all
and that you have sold
more than I cannot pay
them, but intend to work
for it as fast as I can. I
hope that you will
make them all
thinks better of you. It seems
to you to do everything
I send you my best
wishes for your success in
business to that by and
by he remembers
your children all send
love and wishes to you
and I am there in my heart
of hearts forever your
for ever along cheerfully
do not borrow trouble and
try and succeed as I think
in will, and continue
to love him, the good for
nothing who always love you
and thinks of you, and

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married and that you and I could really have some solid comforts. Keep up good cheer, do not think of your debts any more, and above all do not pay out a cent of your money for debts, no one would think any better of you for it, could not thank you either for so doing, when the times come to pay all, then you will do so. Galeack is real mean to send his bill on to New York, do not pay a cent of it, it would make trouble here if you did. Mrs Morse thinks that you might write to them all and tell them all that you cannot pay them now, but as soon as you can

New York. July 14th 1895.

My Dear Wife.

I received yours of the 1st July yesterday, enclosing one from Mamie Brown and Willie, for all of which I am very thankful. I am glad to hear from some of the children and that you are feeling better and that Ring improves. You last contained one from Frank & that I have heard from all of you within a short time with the exception of George, who I suppose is so engrossed with playing on his violin as not to be able to find time to write to his papa to thank him first.

The sale of Ridgway's house and lot was to have come off yesterday, but in consequence of the death of his wife he got the sale postponed, with my concurrence, to the 20th of this month, before which time he hopes to be able to pay the arrears of the mortgage due this time and no. I have no faith that he will do so. I believe it is merely to gain time and he may, perhaps, by our aid in the Court succeed in obtaining a further postponement, and though his applying lawyer will oppose it, I had made arrangements with the Park Bank's first

mortgage of $5000, which is in suit for foreclosure, to have the property sold subject to it, by agreeing to pay the interest and costs in case it was sold immediately after the sale (John having furnished me with the money for that purpose) and I hope to be able to continue the arrangement for a week longer – The property cannot sell for much, if sold subject to the payment of the mortgage which is payable May 1. 1878, than though sold subject to the foreclosure suit. I hope the property will be sold on the 20th. I shall bid on it to the extent of $9000. not that I want it by any means, but for the purpose of getting something near its value. If any one else gives more than that they can have it. It would leave a deficiency, after deducting costs, of about $1000, upon the amt due us, which I believe we can make out of the chattel mtge on the furniture, if not certainly out of the mtge on the farm in Jersey. Should it however in the effort to run it up, in order to get near the cash value out of it, be knocked down to me for $9.000, or any less sum, I shall have to raise money to pay the costs to amounting with the costs and int on the $5000 mtge, to about $4000. I would thus advertise and sell it immediately subject to payment of the $5000 mtge. The auctioneer, Mr Cole, is a mason and intimate friend of John's. He says the property is well worth $11.000 to any person who wants it, and that it will sell readily at $10.000. A gentleman attended the sale yesterday with the view of purchasing, and after the postponement, talked with the auctioneer. Said he would like to purchase the property and would do so at the next sale if offered, provided $2000 in addition to the $5000 might remain upon it. Cole talked with John who contended that $2000 of it than might remain, as he would not have immediate use for the money, providing this gentleman became the purchaser. Should he do so the property will sell for enough or nearly enough to pay our claim and then there will be a certainty of getting the balance from the sale of the furniture, and, should it be only a few hundred of dollars, Ridgway will quite likely pay it rather than have the furniture sold. I have explained this matter to you fully that you may understand the ground, I have for hoping that I shall soon get all or nearly all coming to me from Ridgway. The fight has been a hard one, and I am more than tired out and

shall upon without the end.

In regard to matters connected with the settlement of the estate, Hamish, contrary to my expectation, signed the new agreement and the accompanying papers. She wished, however, to make an arrangement, so Henry informs me, that we should dispose of the real property in the name of the estate and of my mother, till such time as things get to be better, but he knows what stubborn and any mind were upon this subject, and therefore wanted not listen to his proposition. I suppose his lawyer Ringgold told him that if she did not sign the new agreement she could be compelled under the old agreement, to sign the papers accompanying it.

The new agreement she signed by her mark in the hands of Ridgway, he having instructions from her not to deliver them up until the instrument she gave mother about two years ago, securing to her the payment of income as $500 as long as she lives, is returned to her when the title includes the amount of the $500 upon it as a portion of her distributive share of the estate. I suppose this is strictly right though she had the assurance of Mr Riker that, if the papers were delivered to him, he should receive the instrument

as soon as it could be procured — But she would not listen to this, therefore, John, Henry and I have been compelled to wait for our money —

Mother entrusted the instrument to John, and nothing to obtain possession of it herself, while living at Harriet's, in case of accident.

The papers were signed by Harriet Saturday the 10th. John came down that day, but, owing to Rebecca being out of town till Monday, nothing could be done till then. When the injection to deliver was said.

It so happened that Monday, Mrs Cook went down to the Country, somewhere in Jersey, where she was last Summer. She expects to remain there a couple of months. Her health is very feeble. John says that she has not been so well as formerly since her last illness though she may recover and live yet for many years —

John returned Monday evening too late to go home for the instrument and besides he wished to be at hand to the sale which we expected to come off Tuesday. After the postponement he made his preparations and went home, promising to send the instrument down by a friend of his ~~[illegible]~~ Tuesday, Mary Vermeren, morning. and I

Please see Letter from Francis Dougherty
9 Quadrille Cake Mess — Pegram & Bonfilace.

effect to get it by 10 O'Clock and am to meet Henry at Riker's office at 11. Mr Ridgway, I understand, will be there too, with the agreement to sign and by Harriet. I have seen him it will be for the first time since the 30th March, when he told me I was due and I demanded of him the money.

What will be, or whether there will be any further difficulty or delay before we get the property, it is impossible for me to tell. Quite likely there will be, and I shall not be disappointed if there is.

Things however are progressing towards a close. Though much time will doubtless unnecessarily be consumed before we are in full possession of all the property of the estate and of mother.

There will then be the bugbear, the settlement and division of it among the heirs. I anticipate much quarreling, wrangling and considerable caving.

John Henry and myself seemingly at the present time are of one accord and I don't foresee anything that will prevent our continuing so, but Harriet doubtless will cause a great deal of trouble, influenced by her husband who is deadly opposed to John and myself and adored, as they both are, by so unprincipled a man as Ridgway has proven himself to be, who will seek probably to make all the litigation he can in order to get even with me, as he did not make the large fee he intended. The $750.00 received was not enough – he doubtless intended to have made double or treble that amount. It is unfortunate for us all that Harriet persists in retaining him as her counsel, and equally so that there should have been a rupture so soon between her and Henry. He might have remained the go between. Now there will be none except lawyers, who must be paid for their services out of the estate. When, actually, now am trying I have not as yet substituted anyone in place of Ridgway to act in proceedings before the Surrogate, believing that upon completion of the agreement by the children, there would be nothing to do but what Mr Riker, mother's lawyer might perform – but owing to Ridgway being the counsel of Harriet I plainly foresee that there will be work for one and expect to have to substitute Goodrich in the place

of Ridway to act for me in the surrogate's Court and to attend to bringing a suit against Harriet for a partition of the real property, Hanna she refuse to act, on behalf of John, Henry and myself. I hope his gracious Man will be no trouble. I think like to wind up everything right down as possible and then go home - without the necessity of ever returning here to attend to any business connected with the estate.

Should it so happen that I am indebted in any sum of this kind with her. I shall leave the management of it over John, attend home, and come on here again, if absolutely necessary when it is determined and a sale of the property is made. I shall probably receive from the persons who take to pay on debts, make no complaints and keep along till the real property can be sold. But how much better it would be to have all matters settled at once. Sell the property, purchase the annuity and divide the balance. But enough of this I am sure I have written you enough about it. I wish however for you to understand matters, but

you have no occasion to worry yourselves
the least as everything I consider is going
on swimmingly and we have great reason
to be satisfied except that we are necessarily
separated a long time from one another but
this will not continue forever—possibly for
more than a month or two at the very most.

Who ~~[illegible]~~ supposed two years ago
when I commenced these proceedings that I
would ever view, or be in the position which I
am now of receiving occasional tidings of dollars—

I arrived here without money or friends—I have
had a long struggle—suffered much—but that
now seems my means in which your and the
children shall participate. So let us all rejoice and
be thankful and trust to being again united.
I should be very sorry to have to pass another two
years as hard as I have the past two. money
certainly would not induce me. I have suffered
considerable in mind and body. I look much
older than I did, but I think that there
are yet many years to be spared to me
in which I hope to settle down quietly and

enjoy myself with you. I can not be made money
of late. I do not feel like using any extraordinary
for this purpose, provided we always have
enough to make our ends comfortable in a
rational way. You see am how very dull
and extremely quiet everything is at San Diego.
I can realize exactly how it is; and, though I
have for so long a time been living in New York,
yet I shall very gladly quit it, having no attach-
ment for anybody or anything in particular,
and return to San Diego a happier man, content
with what I have, to partake of its solitude.
Quiet and rest is what I most desire, and if
I can have the enjoyment of these, I shall soon be-
come a very different person in feeling. I
have been very much depressed for several months
past. Since I lost, for a time, my money, preventing
me from returning home as was my intention. It
was the severest blow, caused by disappointment,
that ever I experienced in my life and as much
as I was able to bear unmanned. I know and feel
that I am different from what I was. Instead
of the wish to go around among friends, that
time that I seldom ever go to visit any one.
My thought alone has engrossed my mind and
that has been the recovery of my money stolen.
The prosecution of it has occupied much of my
time. Seemingly something has been said or done
in Washington or London in connection with the matter
nearly every day since the 24th day February
and fortunately for me perhaps, that this has been
the case. I have met with many difficulties and
disappointments - had a great deal of walking
and nothing to do during the prosecution of the
suit. The anxiety it has caused me lest I
should lose the money, and the disappointment I
have felt has been very great indeed - more than the
amount involved. I have frequently lost larger sums
without giving me the least concern when in more favorable
circumstances. But the peculiarity of my present
circumstances and the extraordinary manner in
which I was deceived by a man in whom I had learned
to place such implicit confidence combined to make
me feel this loss and disappointment too keenly.
I hope and believe when I get my money
is restored, as I believe it will be soon, I shall

ful again sometimes like my former self,
and not appear quite so much the invalid.

I have written almost quite a long letter — but I can hardly say anything particular — interesting. Such the truth is I have nothing else to do but talk to my own children & I cannot even go anywhere or see any body — last Sunday I dined with Bryce, then Magee — then a book tea before evening — then I came home & wrote letters — and am much refreshed that I saw George, his wife and children — they all seem delighted with Miss Gilliss & the little girl, the eldest of whom says that she will write to Miss Nightingale & Miss Nightingale invariably expresses the gratitude for you, and says how badly you must feel on account of my prolonged absence — they think that it is outrageous for me to be detained here so long. After dinner George and I took quite a long walk with his two girls, away beyond the Kinsbury — where we encamped a considerable number of Gypsies, having recently come overland from California in their own conveyances — resembling more homes on wheels than anything

the having single double beds at the far end, with curtains - and comfortable in every respect. The doors and windows of some of these carriage houses were set with ~~glass~~ stained glass, handsomely enough. One carriage in particular was finer than the others, being the abode & empire of the queen of the Gypsies. Whilst we stood gazing, we saw one of the women mount the platform in front of this carriage - she was a fortune teller and following her a young man for the purpose of having his fortune told. The doors and windows were closed, that the crowd around might not hear, though the forms of those within, ~~might~~ could be seen faintly through the colored glass. A few minutes sufficed to inform him of his destiny, when he came out, his friends crowding around him to learn what it was - then a young girl entered within the precincts of the goddess to hear what was her fortune - and so on - In this manner the gypsies gain a precarious living traveling from place to place - never settling within one

these were English Gypsies. Have been in this country some years wandering from place to place. They ~~[illegible]~~ trade in horses - sometimes grind scissors & knives & ~~[illegible]~~ besides telling fortunes when encamped near towns - but, as they, out in the woods, they depend mostly upon their guns for support. ~~[illegible]~~ We Minnesota Girls were much amused by one of the Gypsy Children, a bright eyed little girl, coming up to them and saying: "Give me some money and I'll play Yankee Doodle for you on my fingers and knees." ~~[illegible]~~ But their father was not willing to encourage them in singing the National anthem, it being Sunday, so

On the evening after leaving Buffalo I came to see Alden who boarded on Niagara Ave near there.

He had but a day or two previous returned from a Western Tour commenced the 10th May. (I write you about it in a former letter.) He was married the 22d May to the lady I had the pleasure of an introduction to - She is about 25 years of age, quite pretty, and interesting in conversation - He has by no means made a bad selection & I congratulate him ~~[illegible]~~. His daughter was much in love with her newly acquired mama - It so happened when I called Alden and his wife were not in. I saw Edith, she said her papa arrived home last Friday night and that he had brought mama with him. ~~[illegible]~~ I was startled to see young myself that I had come only just in time to ascertain if her father had returned, and that at some other time I would come to see him. She invited me to wait till her papa and mama returned from church - that it would not be long - that the mama which papa had brought home was such a nice mama and she wished me to remain to see her. I told Edith that I could not - possibly having to go down town on very particular business, but that I would certainly come again some evening soon to see what a nice mama she had.

I went to Mary Gibbs - this house was crowded - then I went to Mrs's boarding house on Ewing Street near there - He, his wife and daughter were just taking tea and spending the evening.

I wished to see him very particularly for the purpose of making an appointment to see him in the morning - and as I must have

the time I retraced my steps to Adams. Edith was delighted to see me. I explained to her my disappointment and told her that I had come to escort the return of her papa and mama from Church. We sat down together on the sofa in the parlor, and she told me all about her new mama — that she was young & pretty — that she could play and sing so beautifully — & said she "do love mama so much!" But how is that possible Edith when she you saw her for the first time only two days ago? She said she had heard papa talk so much about her before he went to get her, and she found her so like what he said that though she came to the house two days before yesterday, yet it felt as though I had known her a long time and she had thought a great deal of me. God grant that the joy which I've give now feels ~~[illegible]~~ for her new mama may never be disturbed by grief and that the mutual attachment between the two may always continue.

I found Edith wonderfully entertaining for a young miss of her age being only 13 years old

The members when we lived in San Francisco - said that it was upon a hill - (Lesson 8th) - Remember Mamie & Frank they were - made many enquiries concerning them & wished me to send love to Mamie and remembrances to Frank - me. The Mission Dolores Garden far superior to Prospect or Central Parks. Though smaller they contained far more and handsomer things. She gave me a perfect description of it from the entrance to its innermost recesses which was very pleasing indeed to me - then she became all about her brother Royal - that his aunt Watson. (Aden's sister a widow who has had charge of his children since his first wife's death.) went to board on Bergen Heights. Jersey City about three weeks ago - that since that time He had had the sole charge and control of Royal - that he used to be such a good boy but would now go into the streets to play - that his nature had changed from association with some boys who were bad. that I would not think it was the

Sam Royce, her brother that was — She said too that she had not been feeling very well and that it was as much as she could possibly do to keep the boy under control and that she was so glad now that mama and papa had come home — we see from the anxiety which she felt.

Miss Edith entertained me tho' her parents came home. but she was so lady like in her deportment and conversed so nicely — using choice language — I could not help admiring her and wondering in my mind if ~~she~~ I had a daughter as capable and how proud I would be of her.

It was nearly ten when Alexander his wife came in, so I had not much time for talking. I remained nearly half an hour, enough to feel some interest in his wife — who invited me to come always when I felt to see her and her husband the same as her before I had to see him. He explained to her how very intimate we had been together that we were at his first wife's wedding and that we had ~~been~~ always been intimate up to the time of her death —

I believe his wife is highly connected. He told me some time ago that he had great expectations from her that upon his union with her would depend his future happiness and prosperity.

I have given Cathy a lengthy account of my visit to Buffalo and Alden thinking that the reading of it might interest the children — besides I have nothing in particular to do or to write about. I have done it more to pass an hour or two than for anything else. The shades of evening are fast approaching and the cravings of my inwards admonish me that I must partake of something to refresh nature. I must then

fore bring my sending to a conclusion, which should you not be able to make out entirely, you need not have any regrets as the letter from beginning to end contains nothing of material consequence. I shall however promise to write to you again soon something more interesting. I hope and more particularly in answer to your and the children of the 2d inst. Tell the children that I should have write to each of them especially they must be content with what I write to you or such portions of my letters as you may copy them to please. but that I shall expect them to write home again soon and oftener than they have been before — The few lines of poetry at the end of your letter I appreciate highly do coming from you. With love and kisses to you all now dear wife and children I am ever affectionately & devotedly your friend. Theodore

San Diego Aug 20. 1875.

Dear Papa

Mama received a letter from you dated 8th of July and as we have not had a letter from you for some time we were all delighted to hear from you. Mama has not been feeling well for some time. She is writing a letter to you now and so is Violet. The School Exhibition passed off very nicely. The room was trimmed very prettily and there was a great crowd there. After the Exhibition the friends of Miss Carroll and her scholars went over to her house and had a lovely little dance. I hope to see you home very soon as it has been such a long time since I have

dear you. Nannie sends her love to you and says she ~~[illegible]~~ thinks she will write to you today. I hope you enjoyed your Fourth of July in New York. I cannot think of any thing more to write today but will try to write a longer letter next time. I now close sending my love and kisses to you.

From your affectionate child
Emma L. Whaley.

P.S. Give my love to all my cousins and also to Minnie and Alice Peffer.

E. L. W.

(Old Town.)

San Diego July 26th 1875.

Dear Papa,

We received a letter from you yesterday dated 5th July and were happy to hear from you. I wrote to you some time last week but I have forgotten the date of it. I hope you are enjoying good health. We are all quite well at home. School will begin again on the first Monday in august. I am going to try and have my picture taken and I will send you one. Will you please send me some worsteds all colors. I wish to make some mats for the bureau &c. Mama says that if you can get a good second hand Steinway piano in good order for what you say you think

you can get one for it do so.
and a good buggy cheap to
get one. The times it is best to
send such things by steamer as
the freight overland is so heavy.
Old Town is so very dull
that I cant think of many
things to write about so I must
bring my letter to a close.
With much love and many
kisses I still remain your
affectionate daughter
Violet Eloise Whaley.

San Diego July 20th 1875

Dear Father

Mamma received a letter from you last evening and we were all very glad to hear from you. But sorry to hear that you are having so much trouble in trying to settle up your business in New-York. We all look forward to your coming home with pleasure and we trust that it will be soon. We are all well except Mame who is not feeling very well to-day. It is so dull and quiet down here that it is hard to find anything to write about. I learning to play on Guitar I can play five or three tunes I like the Guitar very much only it makes my finger sore for awhile and then they get very hard which I do not like much. We are having vacation now but school will open in two weeks. I wish that I could go to some nice school but as I know so little for my age I would be almost ashamed to go to a school where there are young girls of my age and who

heard more than I. Several girls of this place are going to school in Los Angeles and when I hear them talk about going to school it makes me feel as if I ought to go to. The only amusement we have in Old Town is a dance once in awhile but it has been some time since the E. S. C. have given a dance they talk something about breaking up and begin again about Christmas. They are going to have a Masque dress and Week tie ball the twenty second of this month which I would like to go to I think Mama. Frank and my self go if nothing happens between now and then. I would like you to send me some worsteds as I am crocheting some tidys for the parlor. I am crocheting a tidy made of rings joinded together. I know I am Father that this is a very short letter but hope you will excuse it as I said before it is so dull and quiet down here that it is hard to find anything to write about.

So I will close my letter by sending you my loving and many kisses and hope that it will not be long before we shall see you home again I remain as ever your loving daughter

Anna. Amelia. Whaley.

Old Town San Diego July 20th 1875

My Dear Father I hope
You are well and getting along very
nicely, We should all very much
like to see you again, We all send our
Love and many kisses, We are all pleased
with the [redacted] case and presents
wich you sent us. It contained
many handsome things. The things
you sent are all very useful. I am
very much pleased with my
presents, The Violin is a very hand-
some one. I am very glad you sent
me a case to put my Violin in. I
dont think I should have known
how to have kept if you hadnt
sent me a case to put my Violin
in. I sit up stairs in a chair . .

with my Violin and play the
whole day long. I can play almost
any tune on my Violin. Frank
is very much pleased with his Ban-
jo, he is the only boy that can play
on the Banjo in this town. Every
night Frank and I sit outside
on the porch and play with
Violin and Banjo and sometimes
with the Guitar. You can see the
the people putting chairs on their
porches. When we begin with
our music I wish you were home
just to hear us play with our
instruments. We will be ready
for you when you come home
good by Papets excuse this
Writing

From Your Affectionate Son

George H. R. Whaley
Violinist

From your
Affectionate Son

George H. R. Whaley

San Diego
Cal 1878

Old Town
San Diego
July 20th 1873

My dear Husband,

According to promise, I did not write you last Thursday, as I was taken sick, my courses having come on me suddenly, not having had them for two months past and have them still, nothing but pure blood coming from me, its makes me feel very weak, I cannot stir around much but can write you a few lines. I am sitting in the easy chair writing by the window. If I do not write well its will be because my eyeglasses are broken, the frame I mean, the glasses

you sent in the case are too weak for me, and the frames too small, I have a pair of good oval glasses but the cheap frames break so. I will do my best. The children are all well, and growing finely, they are ale a fine looking set of children I think what you write them now and then does them some good, for all goes slick for some time after, they are not bad children but they are wilful, and like to have their own way as much as possible, and feel quite important since they are growing up. Nan thought as she was the oldest girl she ought not to work any, but she has to do it, as I cannot I tire very soon, and the cannot be expected to take the same interest in things as an older person would. Things go on better now that I am about. I am very sorry dear poppet that you suffer from Rheumatism, it may be in consequence of the Tapeworm you have in you, how can you stay one day without having it removed, I could not go around and know that such a thing was there feeding off of me, have it taken away at once head and all, for if the head remaining the worm still goes on growing. I do not think that the head of the one you had removed 18 years ago, could have been taken away, for they will grow again if the head remaining. So have it

removed at once dear pop
as your health will be better
and you will feel better every
hour! We lived on Rabbits a
long time some time ago but
since they all saw that they
produce Tapeworms, I cannot
eat any more of them when
Mr Battaile brings them
And now I imagine I have
a Boarder too, Dr Witfeld
says that they will produce
them from the larvae that
is in them, George took care
of the worm out of a Rabbit
two days ago. No more
Rabbits for this child. It
will soon be Quail time
and then we can all have
Quail, you too pop when
you get home. When will
that be I wonder, its funny
from your letter of the 8th July
received yesterday that troo
bles are gathering around
you again, Your Sister

being the stumbling block
now to contented with and
to think of her having Ridg-
way for her lawyer, looks very
bad indeed as if she was
leagued in with him from
the beginning and to think
that Henry and his wife
should meet with such a
reception after being away
so long a time. Mark my
words, she will come to grief
one of these days. I would
nevertheless dear poppet Ray
cool and not quarrel with
any of them till all is settled
and then leave them all
in this glory when you are
ready to come home, which
I hope will be soon, for my
part you will find me all
you want, if you do not
scold or be rough with me.
I want to see you so much

and love you, and be kind and good to you, to make up for all the trouble you have gone through. You must be sick and tired out with Law suits, and I am afraid it will all eat into your purse very much, but you must see it only so as to have some rest in the future. Will you ever get your money from that scoundrel Ridgway, and sorry that his wife died, but I do not think it was from grief as she helped him to cheat you, and did not allow as an right-minded woman would have advised her husband to do. I would seem as if it was a severe judgment from above upon him for his dishonesty. I hope you will get all coming to you and bid that troublesome place adieu. I think you will succeed in recovering your money inasmuch as the First Mortgage party are favorable towards you, perhaps your paying the interest on first mortgage would settle matters quickly, but you know best about it, only you law yer may send in a large bill again, there seems to be no end to Law matters. The Case is a perfect feast to us, as we now feel as if we are not destitute. The boys are sorely in need of suits — Frank especially, Schilly has no suits — any more he says, George takes a larger suit of clothing than Frank. Violet has changed so much within the last three months, as tall as mam, and quite stylish

looking, wears frizzettes, and
makes her clothes very stylish
ly. Slim figure. Lillie is stout
but as tall as Violet, and
as good natured as ever,
easily managed, and always
willing to do any thing for me,
Jenn does not grow taller,
she is not as tall as me
yet. Nos Frank does not
grow any, he is just my
size, but very active and
likes be everybody. The
"Clarelle Social Club" band
are the only musicians in
town now, every one wants
them to play for their Claxes,
even the Circus company wan-
ted them to play for them
I put a stop to it, as I'd
do not with my Sons to play
for Circuses, or S. and anyoey,
They get no pay for it, and
the honor is not worth
it. George will not lend his
violin to any body, he is

[illegible]

handed, and perfect one of you choose. The two wrappers you sent me fit me and I just live in them. George is up stairs, now playing the song of the "Vacant Chair" quite appropriate to the times, for there is a vacant chair in the house all the time and it is yours. Not a day passes but we all speak of you, in connection with something or other, it is Pa this Pa that, then George say oh! yes Pa is not coming home, he will not come soon anyhow, then he says wouldn't it be funny if Pa took all the money and went on a trip to Europe, as to the Centennial anniversary in Philadelphia. I tell him I cannot see where the fun would come in, he is a dry chip that same George. He really has not learned anything at all for two or three years, and he is not stupid neither but need to be driven by them teachers. The whaley's figured largely in the Exhibition, and several told me that they were a credit to me, among such brains as there are in that school I should be very sorry if they could not excel them all. Mr and Mrs Howard have gone to Los Angelos to live, he has gone in with Foster in the Paint and glazing business. Mr Cornish he has gone to Virginia City to engage in business, but they all say they will come back if things take a turn for the better. Wilcox and family have been away for several months, in

[illegible] around San Francisco
and [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] month [illegible] they
say that Mendessen & Co have
discharged [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] marrying Miss Shirley
the Jew Comedy [illegible]
Crime for [illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible] Mr
[illegible] Morse called to see me
a few days ago. He wish
to be remembered to you
[illegible] attack [illegible]
[illegible] to be remembered [illegible]
It was so about [illegible] time
you sent me a [illegible]
[illegible], I did not think
my dear Rospie that you
[illegible] so much poetry in
you [illegible] will always think
of you dear Rospie and
do every thing [illegible] the day
it all the pleasure I have
to receive letters from you
and [illegible] I am [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] I will
be happy when you return

San Diego, July 25th 1875

Dear Father:-

I received not long ago a letter from you, but having mislaid it, cannot answer it as well as though I had it before me. Your main point throughout the letter was, urging me to use most of my spare time in doing all that I can for my own advancement and progress. It is true that the greater amount of my time has not been improved as it should have been. Your letter to me has stirred up my mind; I have thought much of the importance of it, and will try and profit by it as much as I can. I am desirous in my own heart to rise in the world, and if I can ever get a fair start I will never come out of the

small end of the horn. I have, most of the time since you left been engaged in pretty hard work, and when at home, after leaving New Town, I do not feel at all in the best of humor. On the other hand, (as it is at present, and will probably remain for a while) work is sometimes very "slack," which also discourages me, as I am willing to work, for I know the real importance of it. This also puts me "out of sorts," and take it altogether, I am not always in the best of spirits, and also in the mood of studying. But as it stands I will try and do all that I can to prosper by the example you set before me in your letter.

My average receipts for work during the past year and a half, have not exceeded eleven (11) dollars a week, which is very small wages for one that has been working at a trade so long and especially one that has served a three year and a half apprenticeship. I have been in the office a little over five years and one months

8) When you arrive home here I will make it "hot" for them.

We received to-day your last long letter to us, and in it you say a great deal, much more than I would like to answer and question I hope that you will be successful in all the undertakings you have attempted. I think that if I had been in your place when Ridgway "stole" that money, I would not have spared one hour in having the "scoundrel" brought to justice and exposed through the columns of the papers.

Business is at present very dull in this place, some stores are doing a little better than others. There are a few new buildings in course of erection. They have completed the surveys of the San Diego river; but have not commenced work on it yet, and there are no prospects for commencement until after the coming winter, and we must suffer another deposit of trash from the river in our bay.

The weather here at present is delightful, We have occasionally some very warm days.

4) Before I go any further, I want to let you know that the "official short hand" reporter of the courts is here in San Diego, his name is George Beale. He offers to give lessons in short hand writing and says that the course may be learned in from six to twelve weeks. His charges for the term are seventy-five dollars ($75). I should like very much to learn, but as the money is not convenient, I cannot possibly take lessons, though much I wish. He advertises to stay in San Diego two months, he has been here now two weeks, and probably if I should get an answer from you his term will be very nearly up. A good opportunity has slipped by.

I send you a paper containing an account of the sentence of the Indian "Mantica" convicted of the murder of the Everend family, which has created considerable ill feeling toward the officers of the Courts.

On Thursday evening July 22nd we attended in New Town, the grand repeat Calico Ball, of Fourth of July, which was a grand success.

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I having a complimentary ticket I took the whole family. Fourth of July we had a grand time here. A procession, oration, etc., at the old barracks, bun of all kinds, dancing included, night and day. In the evening a grand Calico Ball at Hoaton's Blaze, and by request it was repeated on July 22nd. The music was the best I ever heard, it consisted of a violin in the hands of Mr. Richard Keeen, probably you know him, as he spoke of you; a harpe in the hands of Senor Sansone, of Los Angeles, and Mr. Tom Gibson of this place. It was criticized as being the best music in the Southern part of the State, I never heard any better, or do not wish to hear any better, it suits me.

They are going to bring water in to New Town from the San Diego river. They will do it by placing an engine in the Mission valley, and pumping it up on the mesa and so

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through pipes, to a large reservoir on the mesa at the head of fifth street. The machinery, a part of it has arrived, and the rest will be here soon, they are going to put it in place immediately.

To-day being Sunday I took the opportunity of writing this letter to you, and hope to received an answer soon. Glad to hear that Uncle Henry has arrived, regards to him.

All the family are well, and in good spirits, and expect you home soon, all send much love.

So I have nothing more to write about, I will close my letter, and will always remain,

Your true and affectionate son,

Francis Hinton Whealey.

P. S.—Politics are all the rage, I have not entered them yet but will in 1876. The city marshall was after me for poll tax, but did not get it. I am down for military duty. F. H. W.

San Diego July th 22 1875

My Dear
Friend Mrs Whaley, I send
you the order, what we spoke of
Too send to Mr Whaley, I hope
he will attend to it, I will
pay you the money here.

1 piece of red sash ribbon
2 black heavy short lace capes
big enough to cover the waist

6 pair of worsted gloves like
your children three pair
number 6 & three pair 6½

6 pair kid gloves of differ
ent colors 6¾.

3 pink fancy neck-ties.
I send my regards to you all
I remain your friend M N

three ~~under~~ waists like
violate. three nice white
feathers two put on the
childs one hats. & ~~1~~ piece
of white grograin ribbon
to trim the hats

$48.80
9.00
3.00
$60.20

(cash over)

11½
6½
6½

three under waists like Violett. three
nice white feathers to trim hats & 1 piece

Trim Wallace
Parsons

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 27 [illegible]

My dear Eustace,

Something has come between us again, and I feel sure that this time only a few lines or there is no way of information to communicate. You are all well at present, I am feeling better to-day than I have for some time past, but do not know how long it will last, if I am preparing for the change of life, I do not know what it will be, when it comes upon me. I feel I now stand at the point of death with the change and yet we cannot [illegible] it, it is a [illegible]

our time with homesickness
ness. Sometimes I feel quite sick
and as they do work us not
to be able to raise hand or
foot." Mr Eckwood has just
called to see me, he wishes
to be remembered to you, and
hopes to see you home again
soon. He tell think we ought
to move to other room, but I
do not know about that, if
we can fix up our old home
a little and times get better
I expect this room will be
as desirable as the room, es-
pecially for residence. They
have not commenced at the
work on the road yet, it
is said that in September
they will, but oh Lenny they require
a voice as much more opposi-
tion to complete it, oh
Lenny hard work to get any
-thing started in San Diego
but we will see. I am in
receipt of your of July 14th
for which I thank you.
I hope you will not be dis-
appointed again in the sale
of Ridgways house, he will
oh Lenny blame off as long as
he can bother he pays you
or not, I cannot help think
ing the the Fleis family are
in with him in all his mean
nesses, the are capable of doing
anything, since they employ
such a rascal, I hope he
will pla them some trick
too. It looks bad for them
to employ such a scoundrel.
Keep in with them till such
time as you get all in him
I hope Flenn and you will
be friendly as you are now,
always. John is the best of
them all, tell him as soon
as I can I will send him a

picture of myself and write to him if that life of his does not make any unnecessary fuss, you can tell him this privately, I don't like her one bit, and never want to see her again. Give my love to Annie Henry's wife, and tell her I hope to see her soon. It is partly the 20th I hope all has been settled by this time. It is very warm and has been for the past three or four days, and I have felt the heat very much this summer, having lost from 6 to 7 pounds four or five times or other. I generally like the heat, but this summer it seems to weaken me very much. The children have had vacation for the past six weeks, and school such as it is, will open next week for which I think not

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Nothing of this Bill, I know how they talk about your coming home. I will do all I can, you might write to some of them and tell them you cannot get, all your money now and wish to pay them all you can. I want all the debt paid at any rate, Mrs Hallaire would like you to purchase a few things for her and the little with you when you return you may be able to get them from her betrothed. Mother, Lisa are in good health. I enclose the list. She was so attentive to me when I was so sick, when nobody else was, and has remained the same friend ever since, that I ask you

"I know to me to attend to it, and get them if obliged to buy them as cheap as possible. I think you will find them at Mr Trailback's brothers. Place in connection with other presents they intended sending them, you can send them when you send us the other trunk you intend sending us. I close you the last for Mrs Trailback and the rest of kitty's story since you left home. I have the letter of J. G. to see all but two months when I was so sick, but I mostly always got the same thing. So that is as not out of the box. I do not wish to ask them more much than Bills are, as I am afraid of their getting offes me again, then

12 you what I must write lots to you by next
night. They have called let me out to leave for
sometime now. I have not made up my mind
But let, but I think it will be better. I will
write to Cordelia sometime in 1874
since I do have paid for all my
presents I could not have this Thanksgiving
I intend on going to Lincoln, out from
Carl and Lucile then I'll, but will send
it to you. The Thus Carly and Carol
left your seat are all well. Time to their
I feel pretty well I hope you will. Tell Lucile the cold
weather is very pretty but not satisfactory as
the corn crops. At least I have been
near home. I would like to have heard a
nice letter, such as Carol's. Something
I could read the children when I close to

[illegible]

he must have. He is square
nearly a cube, devil of a man,
he is as big as a bear, especially
in mouth. He loves it, and
do the best of them, always
give him the best and most
of everything. He cannot make
a meal without nuts. He
has his marks, eyes for
the horse lashed. Mount the
latter, which when I have
enough to spare when he
has his work with the
foot for the cookie. I have
clean shaved on my
counsel letter, but the heads
on the floor oppressive me
exact marks me ten days
from today not late to cookie
turn over this up. Letter is
my only prop. I have had
[illegible] the pony and
[illegible] hair out on the
[illegible] side, and I let the

16 what to cook, she is very handy and the best disposition of them all, I have no trouble at all with her, you might as a reward to her, bring her a nice substantial little sett of Jewelry, earring, and pin she will appreciate it, good gold something she can always wear. She is a dear affectionate babe, and I am well pleased with her, the others are good in their way but selfish, except Frank. George is a Horsier, almost as tall as Mr Ballaile, he is going around with his behind out of old pants, afraid to wear the new ones I bought him when I had money for fear he will not get any more in a hurry, he is but fourteen years old, and talks of being a machinist, he seems to have the least schooling of them all, peculiar turn of mind, anxious for information, and thinks he knows everything, he often says Oh! Pa is never coming home

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19 Remember me to [illegible] it is all right. I appreciate anything you send me, and all that you have sent is very serviceable and has made us very comfortable [illegible] not ready up with other folks. I do not care for dress much now as I used to [illegible] but want to [illegible] out to look neat [illegible] very fond of dress, she and [illegible] [illegible] the table, she [illegible] many [illegible] she is too short for them, she gets angry with me [illegible] with me but it keeps her down [illegible] Nan is very much pleased with her pearl earrings [illegible] the thanks [illegible]

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17 You [illegible] of [illegible] back.

I dreamed dear papa last night that you came home and looked so well but thinner and that after we had talked awhile I said I did not feel well and laid down on the sofa and [illegible] after I was in surprise. But dreams [illegible] so [illegible] continue my dear. Well we all hope to meet in good health and be happier than we have been heretofore and enjoy life a little. I have had trouble enough without you and but for the care of the family I should not have

[illegible]

Aug
1875

Present for my wife & children
from Papa, who hopes to be home
before all the molasses is eaten or
the maple sugar is eaten. Enjoy
yourselves this third thinking of me.
Many returns of the anniversary
of our nuptials. and may we
live to see and to enjoy as many
more as are numbered of the past.
W. J. Cooper 4th 1865 Philo Riley

Remove the sack on top carefully a
it is open at one end, and then pi
from around the sewing machine wh

New York. August 1st 1865.

My Dear Wife.

I had the pleasure to receive last evening your letter of the 20th and those of the children of the same date. I had been expecting to hear from you since Monday, and had supposed, as was really the case, that the delay was owing to you having been sick again. I am glad that it was from no worse cause. The letters from the children pleased me very much particularly those of Nannie and George, showing that they can write tolerably well if they will only try. Receiving letters from you all relieves me from loneliness. You promised to write again on the 29th, so that I shall look forward to its receipt on the 9th, one week from to-morrow. You acknowledge mine of the 8th July. I have since written on the 14th, 19th, enclosing one pair kid gloves, 20th, enclosing frisettes for Nannie; 29th, enclosing P.O. order No 99,554 for $50. and the 30th enclosing 6 pr kid gloves, 2 pr lisle thread gloves, 2 gents cravats, 1 cambric handkf 1 piece court plaster and 1 whistle to imitate birds. This last letter was in a registered package about 5 in long 3 wide and 2 thick. I hope you will receive it as well as the money, and the other safely. Tell

the girls that I will get for them the worsteds. I am glad to hear that George Frank and Mamie like their instruments and devote so much time to practicing. When I return we will see about procuring them professors to teach them correctly music as well as other things so that they may become proficient. Their advantages heretofore have not been very good to learn anything. About the violin strings - those upon the instrument, and the set in the case I do not suppose were very good, but those outside in the package, as well as those especially for the banjo and guitar I supposed to be of good quality. I did not buy it in time, the very highest priced violin strings, only of medium quality, but I thought they were as good as any that are sold in So. The strings especially for the banjo and guitar I supposed were of the best. In case however those sent are not good enough either for violin guitar or banjo I wish the children to inform me and I will purchase others, the best to be had, as I can get them much cheaper here at the music stores at wholesale than they can buy them for them. They will try those sent in the package and let me know immediately if they are not good. The Puffers are out of town and so are the Gouds, at the Adirondacks, so that I have not been able to deliver the messages to the children. This is the season of the year when nearly everybody goes out of town. The Gibbs have gone too, consequently if I were disposed to assist any I could not do so. I am easier in my mind than I was, seeing my way more clearly than I did. I have not got rid of my boarding-house. He does not trouble me any, though in time I presume he will be allowed to remain. I have been waiting to dislodge him till I got over some of my troubles and my mind was easier. I shall take the necessary proceedings against him soon by commencing an ejectment suit.

My intention was as I informed you in my last of the 13th to let you know what was done that day about the sale of Redowine's property, but as I had the package including the letter made up I could not do so.

There was no postponement before the sale, but at the time there of a proposition was made to bid in the property for nearly the amount of the judgment and they wished to give a check for 100$ dated the following day, which they said would be paid at the bank, but if not before 12 o'clock the sale would go on. By advice of Counsel I consented to an adjournment for one day. On the 31st the sale took place. The amount of the

judgment including costs and interest to August 10th was $4,205.00. They agreed to bid it off at $4,200.00 and to pay the difference in cash. They made a bid for this amount and then being asked if it was struck down to them subject to a first mortgage of $600 the int & costs to May 1st $152.56 and the accruing int from then to Aug. $105.00 making the sale of the property equal to $10,476.41 – the purchaser paying auctioneers commissions for selling. A William McGuire bought the property. Who he is I don't know. He gave his check for $300 on account, the referee becoming responsible for the balance of the 10% p. The understanding is that it is to be paid by the 10th Aug., but should he default till the 20th he will be allowed till then but if not paid then, the money will be forfeited and the property resold and in case of deficiency exceeding the 10% paid the purchaser will be held responsible. The balance of the purchase money is to be paid the 20th August or property resold. Whether all this is genuine or not, impossible for me to say. I am of the belief that this man Maguire has bought the property in the interest of Richardson, and will hereafter deed it to him or some one of his family. This is long as I get my money, I don't

Case: I am still in uncertainty regarding my money and shall be till such time as I get it. They may have purchased for the purpose of gaining time, believing that they will be able to raise the money. If they cannot raise the balance, that paid will be forfeited. It will be that much better off $425.57 towards the payment of costs & and in case of a resale I can buy accordingly.

Grundell will require to advertise three weeks and there may possibly be delay beyond that time before sale actually takes place. I hope however the transaction is a genuine one and that I shall get the whole amount of money due without selling the chattel mortgage or foreclosing against Farmer Casey. Had they not bought the property, my intention was to have bid it up to $3.000 or $3.600 above the amount of first mortgage, costs, interest. Then I must have disposed of Ridgeway, sold the chattel mtge, and the farm before getting my money. Then buying it at the price they have, provided they carefully, saves me all this trouble. I do hope that they will pay, and let me be rid of this trouble.

I will write you again about the 10th or 20th when I hope to know something definite. I have saved paying out the $250.00 cash on hand, and have not been obliged to borrow to pay the costs yet. But I shall have to retain this money, as I may be compelled to use it in case of the property being moved. I doubt if more than I would require it, but I'll do better to keep it in case that I should.

I wrote to you of the trouble that Harriet was making, since the completion of the agreement and the delivery of property to her by mother, she having commenced a partition suit under advice of Ridgway who told her by so doing he might delay the sale for at least two years, and she complaining the costs of the whole upon us.

He has badly advised her for the purpose of getting us plaintiff's counsel, having the management of the suit, the greater portion of the fee which the Court may allow counsel.

He cannot possibly protract the suit longer than six months as we shall not oppose it, employing counsel to push it as expeditiously as possible. We will help her to get what she wants



and so there will be no unnecessary delay, neither is it true that the defendants have to bear the costs. These come out of the property and she will have to bear her proportion of them. I told you too that Henry had been to see Harriet respecting the validity of the position taken by Ridgway in his representation of matters to her, all of which seemed to open her eyes, she owing to her implicit confidence in Ridgway she would not consent to withdraw the proceeding till she had seen and advised with him. The conversation took place several evenings ago. She had reason to expect that she had seen Ridgway since, but it appears that she has not. Henry went last evening to see her again to know the result. She said that Ridgway had not been to see her since the signing of the agreement the 28th ang neither had she received the one for her or her covenant. That her husband had been to R's office but was unable to see him. Thus said he would try to see R tomorrow and Henry will go again tomorrow evening to ascertain the result. So matters in this regard stand

precisely as they did. On adjourning in Aunt's going last evening was so equal and so impressed upon me making his previous conversation adding thereto something which we had not thought of previous to his coming. The Irish Line.

He told me that if she persisted in the partition suit we were all ready to help him with it, to get through as expeditiously as possible, that the time would not exceed six months and that the ready expense would be comparatively trifling. He also told me that then and I would consent for the purpose of this business to meet him at some place in Philadelphia other than his own house for the purpose of deciding what was best to be done. The appointment of an agent or attorney to attend to everything here in London we might all be perfectly satisfied that we might fix upon a minimum price to sell the property at. That though we were anxious to sell we did not propose to sacrifice. That if we could not get the price we might agree upon now, we would

wait till Fall or next Spring. We were in hopes to have heard his decision last night, as John will be down to morrow, and if Jawora be, we might all have met to decide what was for the best. John Henry and I are pulling together in this matter. & why not have he act in concert to do whatever Henry and I agree to. We have Mr Riker engaged as our counsel should the injunction suit go on. but if withdrawn some disinterested counsel, (neither Riker nor Ridgway) will be chosen. One of the objects we have in view, in case of withdrawal of suit and entering into any agreement with Harriet is to get rid of Ridgway entirely so that he shall not make another dollar out of the estate or property in any way. though nothing would prevent Harriet from employing him as her private counsel. I hope in a few weeks to be able to write you some thing more definite.

My letters are long and all about the matters, which though under Steeles

interesting, or not so pleasing to you, as if written upon other topics. My mind is upon the matters about which I write, the engross most of my thoughts, therefore how is it possible for me to write about anything else? I shall indeed be glad when there is an end to the whole of this disagreeable business, and my mind is once more free to work to other things.

I have taken some little pleasurable recreation to day and enjoyed myself more than I have for several months past. It was rather late when I got up and had breakfast, past one o'clock. I took a benefit in sleep to make up for the anxiety I had during the week inspecting the sale of the property, which in all appearance has terminated much more favorably than I supposed. I would enjoyed my rest more last night in consequence than I have anything for months past.

But I was about to tell of a little excursion I made which has my interest so much. At 2 this p.m. I took, after a hearty breakfast, the Sixth Avenue Cars to the Corner of 32nd Street, where I found one of the old fashioned stages, such as formerly used to run from the Corner of Pell St and the Bowery to Harlem, affording thirty seats and ample accommodation for the travelling people in that direction. I mounted on top, took my seat between the driver and a fellow passenger. We had just got my pipe filled and lighted, when my driver sang out "all aboard", cracked his whip and we wended our way up Broadway to Central Park, stopping for two or three additional passengers, then along the Boulevard, a continuation of Broadway, which is 100 ft wide - having sidewalks on each side, two roadways with a third sidewalk dividing them, and three rows of gas lamps. The roads are macadamized. We made tolerable good time considering the heavy, the weighty load, the turns and windings of the road which is far from being straight or as near level as I anticipated the

Fifth and Second or nearly as what was formerly known as the Bloomingdale Road. We passed, not after leaving the Grand Circle, nor the Southern entrance of Central Park at Eighth Avenue, one lot, or rather made that from ours once, at the corner of 6th St. Scarcely any improvement undertaken in the way of building has been made thereabouts, they and the surrounding parts are as densely crowded with inhabitants as they were thirty years ago and bring high rents at almost fabulous prices. Old people hold them and when they intend to improve them it is making home. The taxes and lots of interest yearly upon each lot would pay the rent of a respectable house in the lower portion of the city. We passed right that Orange the dear old Asylum - then that was Burnham's Hotel at Stormdale, then we came to Manhattanville, at 125th St then to a cross town rail road, connecting with Harlem. We got out about here, and took an

other stage. and continued along till we came to Cannanoville passing Trinity Church Cemetery - connected by a magnificent bridge which spans the Boulevard - The cemetery extends from 152 to 154 and from the 10th ave to the Hudson River - It is in two peds. both surrounded by a grand stone fence an honor to the extensive corporation to which it belongs. My Uncle John Pye is buried here Frederick having seen the monument many years ago. The Boulevard extends at present only to 154th St when we turned towards the old home of Audubon the great naturalist to the left and went along on block striking the 10th Ave along which to 165 or 168th St then I dismounted from the office. lighted my pipe and walked along 10th ave which is graded and flagged probably 3/8 or 1/4 of a mile till I came to a hotel which is considerably above and nearly on a line with the High Bridge. Here I regaled my self with a large tumbler of Milk & then [illegible] the same ladies

doing the same with ice cream. This is a fashionable resort for those driving out in carriages. Conspicuous near the Hotel the basin into which water from the bridge below is pumped up for supplying those residing in the vicinity. From this point a most extended view is to be had of Westchester, the Sound, some portion of Long Island, the Harlem River lined with thousands of row boats from Harlem to where the river connects with Spuyten Duyvil creek. Adjacent a long stairway of wood to the water below where are situated the boat house &c and then a high stairway near the foot of which is the entrance upon the bridge built of granite which is I should think 1200 to 1500 feet long and over 200 feet high composed of a dozen arches or more. It is upon this immense structure, one of the finest pieces of masonry in the world that the water which supplies the City of New York is carried in large iron pipes which is brought some 40 miles distant from Croton Lake. I crossed the bridge, upon which there were probably a thousand or more persons, going from one side to the other to observe the innumerable row boats, the steamers constantly plying between New and Harlem, lawnching above and below the bridge hundreds of persons or taking them on board. There are three steamers. I remember the names of two, the Tiger Lilly & the Moses Taylor. They leave every half hour and very many from or five hundred of people. I have never seen them on Sunday but what they were densely crowded, as you may imagine the immense number of persons who resort to the High Bridge to enjoy themselves at some one of the many gardens, hotels and lager beer saloons in its vicinity. I crossed the Bridge took the path at the end leading to one of the many restaurants these seated high up overhanging the bank in sight of the bridge, the river, the steamers the boats, both means of cars occasionally whisking by almost underneath, with hundreds of others signaled my self with the exception of

I was hired of seeing all that was to be seen and wanted a change. I retraced my steps over the bridge - up the steps around the basin, through a grove, down the 10th ave. leaving it to the right, taking the old High Bridge Road, passed the property formerly owned by Mme Demarest, and now in the possession of her son Chase or Cortlandt. I got out again on the 10th ave. went to Trinity Church Cemetery, took a glance at Dr Wright's and my uncle's monument but the gate was locked. So I crossed over to the 9th Ave, went down that, crossed through private property, got upon the 8th Ave, went up that to the Columbus Dam Bridge, crossed and recrossed that (from here to be had a fine view of High Bridge.) Stopped at the Hotel, took a glass of Lager and then the Car, down a long the entire length of Central Park, on the 8th Ave, to the Depot at 57th where we exchanged for another which brought me to the corner a block of Everett Hotel where I got supper at 9 o'clock.

and then I came to my room. I have written a long account of my days journey for the children's amusement. I think Frank and Mamie went with me to High Bridge when we went there in 1888. I think you were not along with us and Mamie may not have been either. I must now retire. Will send you this tomorrow. May have a word or two more to-day, but in case I do not, I wish say I thank you for your generous letter. Hope you will continue well. Send you all my love. Hope to see you soon. Will write some time before the end of the week or as soon as I receive your note. Tell the children to be good. Kiss them all. With assurance of my unchanged love,

From your devoted husband
W. R. Mallory

Send the measures. Send the ages of the children. My rheumatism is better for the past few days. I have scarcely felt it, partly because I have on a heavier underskirt. The weather

generally has not been uncomfortably warm, at least I have not felt it so. perhaps it is because I am not compelled to take long walks, as was the case the first summer I was here. To day has been cool and cloudy, threatening rain but did not get quite so far, sprinkling only occasionally.

Monday August 2nd Rainy disagreeable day. I am going now to breakfast and then to meet Olive and Henry at 10 o'clock. I do not suppose that I will be able to write any more. Pina enclosed a pair of flesh colored gloves. I have only two more pairs to send (no 6, the others are 7, 7½, 7¾, 7½, 7¾ & are large for you. I may buy a few more pairs before leaving. I suppose your number is 6½. I must now close with love to

Yours &c

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[illegible] she has a very good woman.
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[illegible] next Thursday [illegible] Mrs Gale

to-day, She had a very large funeral, few Catholics, passes faith. It was the change of life with her, and the blood went to her head, she was sick in bed about two weeks, Old Rose feels very badly indeed, lucky for him he has but one child. Everything goes on about the same, a little more dull of anything, of people do not leave here, they die so as to get away, I am how it seems. The weather for the past three days has been excessively hot, the heat weakens me terrible, I forgot to see that I went to Rose's house to the funeral but could not go to the burying ground, as the sun was so very powerful and I had a headache and felt dizzy all day, I thought the wisest plan would be to stay at home so I went home again took off most of my clothes stretched myself out on the bed, and I feel better now, so I write you a few lines, that you may not be disappointed. I hope by this time it is all settled with that thief Ridgway, and if not I think he ought to be pushed to the utmost, not show him any mercy at all, he showed none for you, I was glad Henry is getting a small dose of what you have had, I do not think John acted rightly in not letting you know that he received your letter. I did not think that he would do things on the

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Mr Whaley

Dear Sir

Mr G. Lamberton living in Clerk Street 2d door from Myrtle Av. at Bergen Hill (now the town of Jersey City) called to see you in regard to San Diego property. He would like to see you at his house, and named Tuesday next any time before 2 o'Clock to meet you at the above adress. Take the Greenville Cars Constitution Street Ferry, and get off at Myrtle avenue, east side. A Cottage 2d door from the corner.

Yours truly

Geo D Suffern

New York Aug 12/75.

New York August 12th 1875.

My Dear Wife:—

Your of 2nd July received last Monday, also your July 29 with P.O. Order No 99,604 for $60 — on the 30th in a package containing 6 pairs kid gloves, 12 — and on the 2nd inst with one pair kid gloves. Aug 5th I sent you pattern box of Domestic machine Co — I am glad that the children are recovering that you are better — I have been waiting to write you until received your last letter but have been busy purchasing a Domestic machine, the things you wished me to get for Mrs Wallack, suits for Frank & George and linen suits for you and the girls. I do not think I shall have written to day but for the earning you have detaining me at an oyster saloon on the Bowery. I think you must possibly be anxious to hear from me and as I might not have the time to do so for a day or two I am improving the time given me by the rain. I will get the machine off as soon as I can get the suits from the tailor and pack them with the things purchased and those which I have had on hand for some time, probably the first of next week. I will send you the B/L and invoice as soon as shipped. The articles will add considerably to your assortment. I would have sent more but my funds are very limited

indeed, and will be hire I get the money coming to me from Ridgway. I wrote you of the sale of the property on the 31st for $4,200 over first mortgage, on which 18th's $420 was paid the balance to be paid on the 10th and 20th of the month. I do not feel sure that it will be as it may have been a disadvantage for to gain more time. If not paid the $420 paid will be forfeited which will be sufficient to cover the expense of foreclosure, so that I shall not have anything to pay on a sale of the property if necessary. I hope that I shall get my money on the 20th and have no further trouble with him. I wrote that I had some little money ($200) and this I have ventured to state to buy the things for Wallace, the sewing machine &c all of which I know you want very much. Tell Mamma Violet & Lillie that I have bought the worsteds, perforated paper mottoes &c. Nice linen cloths for you and Mamma and handsome cloths for Lizzie and Hattie. The case will not be as large as the last or contain as many things, but you will find all I send useful and employ your mind till I come home which I hope will not be long. I shall send you an assortment of patterns so as to be able to cut your dresses properly. I shall also send as much of my surplus clothing and things that I shall not require longer. You will take good care of everything for me and put the things all to the best possible use. I think that you will like the "Domestic" machine which for family use is still and easily run. It is not complicated as sewing machines and I think with the book of directions and your knowledge of machines that you will find no difficulty in learning to run it and teaching the children how to use it. The machine is threaded ready for use. It is "knocked down", that is the stand and table part, and compactly packed in a case. Frank and Lizzie will likely have to put it together, and then all that is necessary will be to put the machine in place on top of the table and connect it and the wheel with the belt. I enquired as to the "Howe" machine. It is said not to be as easy to run as the "Domestic". It rains very hard indeed. Been raining all day. I doubt if I shall get any further to day. It is now 6 p.m. after which time no business chance for business. You will wish to know something about other matters connected with the affairs of the estate. Henry has been to see Harriet several times, and every time she tells him that she has not yet seen Ridgway and consequently cannot decide as to withdrawing the partition suit commenced by him. She thinks that it is not her intention to withdraw it. Henry will not go again to see her. It is useless. If she had wished to have seen Ridgway or

to withdraw the suit she certainly could have done so since the 28th of last month. The time of service of summons on them will expire the 17th of the month. Before then we can employ counsel, apply for copy of complaint and then have twenty days to file answer. Neither Sohn nor I have yet been served with summons but we probably shall in the course of a few days. Our object in employing counsel will be to have the complaint contain nothing but what we may allow, to expedite the suit as much as possible and to prevent Ridgway from securing a large counsel fee. It will require from five to six months at least to bring the suit to a termination & wind up the business by sale of the property. Mr Rider does not think R can possibly prolong it beyond that time if the suit is simply for partition of the property, but will be better able to tell after seeing the complaint. I do not intend to remain here shortly after the receipt of my money from Ridgway I shall be on my way home. I may have to come on again to attend to matters. I have given them in the hands of Rider and a power of attorney with them. He would like to have the suit withdrawn. But mere Harriet acting under Ridgway's advice is having everything her own way. I am powerless to prevent her. But she will pay the day for following Ridgway's advice. I hope to prevent or return to prosecuted

[illegible] the sale of the property. We shall push it and the possibility is that it will be sold January or February next a very unfavorable time for the sale of such estate, and as it must be sold for cash the slaughter of the property will be terrible indeed. but if she can stand it, we can too. Not enough of this.

John came down this morning bringing with him a summons served upon him in the suit of the Washington Life Insurance Co against Mrs S. Ridgway, his wife, John B. McWhaley and others for foreclosure of the first Mtge $10,000 on Ridgway's farm in Jersey. We are made parties having a third mortgage for any deficiency on mortgage on Brooklyn property. Ridgways creditors are after him and. We shall take no action in the matter, as the farm in Jersey will probably sell for more than enough to pay encumbrances, some $13 or 14,000, besides our claim, which would come in last. We consider the Brooklyn property and chattel mortgage ample security or nearly so. Should the present sale of the property be consummated we would then be where beyond a doubt. Some suggested that the foreclosure of this mortgage might have been brought by Ridgway for the purpose

of making me lose in some way. I don't think so otherwise the suit would have been commenced differently evidently the Ins Co do not know of the death of Mrs Ridgway. They will have to withdraw this suit or amend making her executors, administrators re parties thereto.

Ridgway is a shrewd lawyer and rascal enough to make any advantage possible. I shall be glad indeed when entirely free from him. and lucky to get my own.

How Harriet can be deluded by him is beyond my comprehension, unless blinded by vindictiveness towards John Henry and me.

He has told her that he can prevent the sale of the property for at least two years and that as plaintiff he will not cost her one cent, neither of which is true.

I must now close, dear man, I will write to you again soon. after sending the things.

With love to you and the children, from

You affectionate and loving husband

H. W. Rockwell

As I am about sending the things soon I would enclose the kid gloves two pr. I promised but send them in the case with the others I have. Did you tell before the last you spoke of enclosing the children measure but did not do so, I was expecting them in your last. May 29th and as they did not come I had to do the best I could in purchasing Pants for Frank & George making all due allowances. I found it hard in selecting Pants for the girls - but I have them large enough so that by a little attention they may be made to fit. They are very nice of their kind.

Frank Pants around waist 30 in. inside seam 28 in outside 38 in
George " " " 31 " " " 29 " 38
" Vest " " 33 in from crotch back to bottom front 25
Frank " " " 33 in " " " " 25
" Sack Coat " " 34 in " " of neck to waist measuring on the outside of arm with allowance of 30 in from back of the neck under when the allowance to waist, 18 in

George, Boys Sack Coat. The same measure as for Frank.

Frank's Coat & Vest, black fine diagonal. Pants black satinet goods, excellent quality. something which I think he will like

George's Sack Coat Vest & Pants. of Brown black goods, square pattern, excellent quality, equal to Frank's pants almost as good. I wish I knew how to take care of them

[illegible] Price $1 Mantle $30 Georgy $20. but bought at a discount
[illegible] I intend buying them some heavy ones, thought
[illegible] them would do for best — wish you to take measures
carefully as possible. For the breast measure
[illegible] under the arms. I was intending to buy some
[illegible] for you and the girls but the risk & fitting
without considerable attention is so great and the
cost would be much more. A Central Dry Goods
Co. says better send the material and patterns, and
this I think I will do when I come to purchase these
articles, unless something in the way of loss or fitting
sacks for you. I was greatly at a loss about the "3 white
quilt feathers" and "2 heavy black lace capes to fall to the
waist." Feathers are all the way from 25¢ to $20 a piece
and lace capes are not worn. I bought 3 white ostrich
feathers for $2.75 each and 2 black lace veils with facing
sleeves, falling below the waist for $12.50 each. Prices
of these articles, according to quality, range from $3.00 to $30.
and upwards. I think they will suit. I have also for you
to have a dress of Jam. Silk are both alike, same handsome
pattern, quite fine, and looks well at the distance of 5 ft
as any real cost 30c. The price of these at commence-
ment of season was $1.00. [illegible] not very

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Mrs Thomas Whaley
San Diego.
California

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[illegible] for me in the love
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[illegible] Adios mi Esposa mia Catalina

the time inclined to sleep.
Oh! we are having such
warm weather, warmer
than has been known here
ever so they all say, I can
certify to it being very
warm as it affects me
terribly, I like warm weather
but this is too warm.
I acknowledged your last
of Aug 2- since which time
I have been looking for
another letter from you,
letting me that you are
even with that thief
Ridgway. I do not know
what Harriet can be
thinking of to employ such
a man as he is, I only
hope he will get ahead
of her too some time. To-
day being the 20th I hope you
have your money and ale
quit with that man, so

you may have that matter
off your mind, what a
relief and blessing it will
be does poppet, to have
all your business settled
satisfactorily and able
to return home to us ale
after being away two years
and 3 months. Some R. Road
men came down here a day
or two ago as they said on
R.R matters, but they all
think in R. Town and an ele-
tion dodge. Upon the strength
of it, the people in R.T.
held a R. Road meeting
In three weeks the R. Road
people will, they say, hand
in a proposition to the
San Diego folks, if the prop-
osition is handed in before
the Election they will not
accept of it, as it will
then show it was an Election

dodge. I sent you a list of those debts I have contracted since you left. Manasse says his bill is nearer $800, than $300, he told Frank so. Valeark says his account with you note and what I got from his store for some time is $150.00. I suppose that $1500.00 will cover all, and I will be so glad when all the debts are paid, It will not be an easy matter to compromise from what they all think of people that owe them a long time. May be able to throw off interest on some notes but I think not off of all of them. Mr and Mrs Moore called Sunday, and spoke of linen coats I told him you had sent me two linen

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Smoked this cigarette before you go to bed tonight

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San Diego Aug 21st 1875

Dear Father

It was my intention to write to you the time Mama but as my letter was not finished I was unable to do so. We are all well and I hope that you are the same. School has commenced and I am very glad of it. I am getting along nicely in my studies this term I have made up my minde to study hard I have commeced. Algebra. Composition. and Word Analysis. all of which I like very well especially Algebra. The only lesson that I find hard is intel-lectual Arithmetic which I cannot understand Mrs Wallack gave Mama a very pretty Snow Basket that is a basket made of mulin. to.

represent snow and she gave me a very pretty gold ring set with pearls. We are having very warm weather it is much warmer this Summer than it has been for somettime and Old Town is so dull giuet nothing on except a little dance once in awhile I suppose there is more life in New Town on account of the election I have not been to New Town for along time Wednesday a crowd of girls and boys came up to our house and we went in the Court room and danced till half past eleven we had a very lively time. Remember me to Mrs Young and family and the Puffers also. It is so dull that I hardly know what to write about. Please thank Mrs Saunder for those frizettes and give her my love in return for her's. There has been several funerals among them was the funeral of Mrs Rose. I know that I prom-~~sed~~ ~~to go~~ write you along letter the next time I write but I do not think that I will be able to ~~write~~ do so. I suppose that Frank has written to you about the string he said therefor I will not say anything about them only that those sent were not very good. I think a great deal of my Guitar I practice every day but I cannot tune it Frank alway does that.

As it is impossible for me to think of any thing more to write about close by sending you my love and many kisses.

I remain as ever your loving and affectionate daughter

Anna A. Whaley

P.S. I hope that you will return home in time for Christmas as I think we are going to have a dance and a Christmas tree. Please ~~any~~ excuse writing and mistakes as I have written

as I have written this letter in a hurry because Mama is waiting to send her letter to the Post Office and I have some sewing to do.

Good-bye.

H. A. W

P.S. Mr L. Stephens of the old Washington Territorial is here and is in the Salmon business & is with the Company
Pierce Co. Wash. Ter.

New Tacoma August 22/75

Friend Tom

Your letter of the 4th came at hand today and as usual I hasten to reply. I should congratulate you on meeting with such success as regards your Law Suit, and hope you will now enjoy all the comforts of life, as for myself I allway can take and be happy the little with me is not. But we are differently situated, You with a family & the Mr writer with, in the Classic language of the Chinook & Indian Hah-ah "Alone" I would have been pleased to have seen you up here, when it rains 9 months in the year. But if you have a better country which I am well aware you have, stay by all means. Speculation Nail Nails Tax Stage One and a Shinnin. But to look at the Town you would think that the inhabitants had all fled for better things, the fact this Northern Pacific RR is a "Bilk" But it is convenient for the Victoria people to come over into Oregon

I am now busy packing & catching Salmon for the Boston Market

We will put up about the Forward Danielly and we think that as Buckers we can realize $5.00 per Day, I will try to get Coll & Fuller into Canning Clams this Fall as well as fishing and then stand from Under. Provided I have my health and the Mind is in the right quarter. I will start for New York for a visit and on the way drop down among you good folks at the Reign. Today I am enjoying myself as there are lots of Aborigines, Indians on the track and lots of Squaws and naturally being susceptible to the charms of the fair sex I feel as if there is no Salvation but to be reduced. This throw Stew is off for keeping the Old Man Chile, I am in hopes you have called on my Sister Kate as I know so desirous that you should.

You must give my distinguished regards to Capt Whaley and to Mrs Hunter Whaley not forgetting my old friend & sister Mary Cristwait the lady of the Iron Wing and the one that occasioned me of being on the Squaw Still to gently over no stealing Rumory will bring back the feeling &c. Take Care in haste

Your old friend

Jas

San Diego Aug 26th 1893

Dear Father

As I wrote the last time Mamma wrote I hardly know what to write about therefore I will only write you a few line I have just fin-ished writing to Grandma and Aunty. We are all well and I hope you are the same I would like to see you again and I hope it will not be long before we all shall have the plea-sure of seeing you soon. You will find a great diffenence between N. Y. and S. D. as the latter has become so quiet and dull since you left. Wednesday is the election then I suppose it will be lively. We have a very nice library at school and a globe also. I wish I could write you a good long letter but as I am at a loss to know what to write ab-out I will have to stope.

The children send their love and many
and Dear Father please accept the same
from your loving and Affectionate
daughter Anna Amelia Whaley

Good-bye.

I hope to see you pop in the course of events. I shall wait, I forever.

Old Town
near San Diego
Aug 26th 1874

My dear Mr Prospects.

I think I have acknowledged the receipt of all your letters, and am anxious to receive the one containing the B/L. which you speak of in your last. I shall be delighted to receive the sewing machine, the "Domestic" I think as you say that it is the best and cheapest running machine from the pamphlets you sent me. The boys thank you for this suit, and the girls Cambric, and

your humble servant is always
grateful for anything you send
her. Once in awhile I fix up
and look passable, but I
am so thin that people
notice it and "how thin
you are;" I do not like to
go out on that account.
Mr & Mrs Morse dined with
us Sunday. Dr & Mrs Stickle
called yesterday, they are feel
ing the hard times very much
I suppose his bill would not
come amiss. New Town
begins to look deserted, I
am always glad to get home
after have spent the day
there. Mrs Manassie has
not been to see me since
but once
since I gave her the little
silk dress, and camp chair

The hinted one had received
fine things as the case, but
I did not ask her to come
and see them, Mrs Seeley
finding she cannot get my
wire ribbony for 10 or 14 cts a
yard, and my brown fine
Calicoes for a bit a yard
as she said that was what
they were worth, does not
come so often, I do not
like her any how she is
too miserly. I have plenty
of friends everybody likes
me, and scarcely a day
but I have visitors. A
great many people firmly be
lieve that you will never
return, and thinking that
the case, wonder how I can
take it so quietly, they

would go after you they would do this, and do that," but I laugh and tell them quietly you "joost vait a vile" (a la Rose) "and you vill see vat you shall see". I spent the day yesterday with my friend Mrs Wallack, she hopes she will get her things before the holidays, this New Year, she seems to think she will like the lace sacks if they will only fit her and she wanted plumes longones to fall over the back of the hats, I hope everything will suit her for I like her very much. She gave me a heavy Gold wedding ring new only of the boy, and Frank an

capes than Manassa. Manassa stock has run down, they do not keep any more sugar Coffee and other things I used to get there, at least they tells me when I send that they have not those things. I shall be glad when they are paid up. and all others too. "You bet" we are having cooler weather than we have had, I can breath now, Am still ~~taking~~ Iron and feel a little stronger, I drink a little white wine, and eat a great deal of fruit, and Cracked wheat, which now keeps me from having Dyspepsia. I am all alone in the house with the exception of Pete, our

[illegible]

[illegible] Pretty [illegible] Pa & Mother sent [illegible]
[illegible] with his Brother. Dad wants to take
lessons. He takes a larger size of clothing
than I do. I sent the measures in
a letter to Dad & Mother. Poor Dad
seems lost without his wife and yet
he feels why [illegible] the Lord
knows what is best. We feel that this
time Mr. Payne. I hope my dear Father
[illegible] your health is [illegible] and that
you will come back to us soon for
I want you home & two only [illegible]
my dear [illegible] is about worn [illegible]
would not let [illegible] but I think

you [illegible] not [illegible] as I [illegible] it
it will [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
Do not spend all the money but [illegible]
[illegible] time on it we need
[illegible] and [illegible] we have
enough blankets — but [illegible] pillowcases
Tablecloths [illegible] are [illegible] almost
all household furniture [illegible] the house is
gone in [illegible] I would like five tablecloths
to match the napkins with red borders.
No more news. The children are
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] you [illegible]
and [illegible] loves
Will write next. Lillian. Edward & Shirley.

Sept.
1875

I enclose originals of H.L. Lowe's and Surgeon's. Duplicates in a day or two — Requested to have off him to-morrow — but detained here first of my week on age of business connected with the estate — I am well — going to Cohu this afternoon where I remain to-morrow night with him. No letter from you this week — Be of good heart and expect me soon. You send Post Office Order for $50 or $100 to pay freight — in my letter.

Yours &c

Thos Wharton

Sept 23/75

3½ P.M.

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LEWIS VIELE,
*Gen'l Freight Ag't, C. R. I. & P. R. Rd.*

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*Gen'l Freight Ag't, C. B. & Q. R. Rd.*

CHICAGO, ILLS.

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*Tork,* _____ 1875.

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named Companies shall cease at their depots at which the same are to be de-
ce of shipment to _____
in rail road receipts (original and duplicate) on which this Bill of

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| DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES | SAID TO WEIGH |
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| [illegible] | |

_____ *Agent.*

George Cutton Fish
William H.
Catherine Beekman Barratella
[illegible]
Bernard Berrian
[illegible] Amelia
Arthur Bayard
Donald
[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 29, 1895

[illegible] 12, Lightning 2nd 1864.

My Dear Wife,

We were on August 10th anchoring off Morris and Cumming Coves & things wiggled that day certainly, and Aug. 11th, relieving disposition to fight, and a little to Hank. On the 8th I received news of the 10th anchoring on Jos. Clergy, and yesterday news of the 2nd Aug. Sent on from Maurice Cove with a letter to Illustrious Hank. This also to me from you and that you are all well, particularly that you received mail. Notwithstanding the many ups and downs it is so much better. I hope you will continue to improve and mean it will require considerable time and finally secure entirely. Mary Gibbs is transferred to the same ward as you are. The complaints of a disposition to slight and stay that that is natural to the complaint and require considerable time. The or four months before being fully restored to health. Perhaps that you don't like things quite as you [illegible]

may expect to come out all right. I can
but express to you my sympathy, since you
all the encouragement in my power and
wish that I could with you to make things
more comfortable for you. You just must
I need not to repeat what I have already
written but once again that you must not
work or do housework of any kind or labour
on. You have been quite long enough
enough to prove you from all our sorrow
responsibility & that time was the most
to tell which time as you have lately
proved your health. My Nannie does not
hard work to look the most learn, but
if she does spare a few days or more
in the attempt? There will be time before
my husband and becomes fully capable
We must do the best we can under present
circumstances and each contribute their
portion to relieve you entirely. When
we can afford we hire employ servants
to do the work. We no engagements
for children sons or daughters to assist

their parents or themselves when necessity
requires it, but may be accommodating
to them in so doing. Besides we may
be rich or poor owners. Good habits
induce a household in every particular.
They may not be all in a position to
attend to do the drudgery but their
presence in such matters will prove
them from being imposed upon by servants
like we despise them as the most perfect
humbugs. We hope to give Nannie, indeed
all my children some advantage of learning,
and that may be just as well as our circum-
stances permit. I am not able to do so
much now that a necessity for them to learn
that they can earn their own bread
improve the advantages under their hands,
such as they are, to learn as they can
and as soon as I am able I promise to
do for them all that is in my power.
Nannie writes that she has made up
her mind to study hard, that she has com-
menced Algebra, Composition and Nannie

to hear the news of your in Tuscumbia. Your company leave as they come to May in case we need a guide to send them to us. Some good people. They are not appear quite so backward. I hope Geo. particularly will be able to learn all he can. Dr Lyman tells me he is most backward for some reason or other. He must study harder, learn to write and to spell better than he does. Things may appear hard at first, as learning arises about interest and arithmetic, but with a little perseverance all difficulties will be overcome, and that which seemed hard will be made easy and clear as a.b.c. I hope then you the children will strive to overcome all difficulties of study and learn as much as possible for them to learn before our return.

Do assist them in the culinary department. I enclose "Hope" for the Relation.

I wish you that I did not pass my first letters of you to be completed on the 20th. In respect to your journey with the

for the benefit of creditors — The 16 of
February notice was served by the plaintiff's
Attorney, on Wm. Maginnis, on the responsible
ile Party having been summoned by the referee
to make the sale. $200 cash was paid in
cash by Maginnis and $120 of promissory notes
on a Widgeon, which he did not do, and
for which the Referee is responsible and will
be unless the property sells for enough at
the next sale to cover the 1st Deficiency
happened in June the 20th to the 26th
when it was determined to resell the property
advertising for two weeks. Seven days after
they were from time to time postpone the sale
I got tired and determined to board no
longer. I receive from the notice I appeared
and I must have to purchase the property and
perhaps it will be better for me to do so. Seven
dollars have it in my own hand and cannot
be murdered out from. I quit trouble
disappointed you did not attend meeting
on the 16th. Mr. Mills must have been very
busy [illegible] I have

had the blues very much and felt nearly as
bad when I heard the rascal had stolen the
money from me. I hope Sam at Morgan
Island Galveston land, to prevent my returning
home & claiming my share from indefi-
nite time. It may perhaps be for the best,
but now for I feel rather I do not understand.
I shall have to remain here longer than I ex-
pected on this account. Nevertheless cannot
I quite impatient for a letter. I have re-
turned however to have now written all the
news as possible ~~[illegible]~~ after receiving
no money. I shall not remain to see the
state. John does perfectly as I bound
for anything more. I am tired and de-
cisive. I am going home to see my
my children from whom I have been so
long absent. I may have to come back
again, I think it quite likely but I only
feel after seeing you once more and
the children I shall feel more like start-
ing with the expedition. I assure you
that I would return at once if I
could, but how do it possible for me to
do so till I have received my money
from Mark Miller. I would like to know
him and I could do it, but it would be impo-
ssible for me under a delay of many
and six months or two. I need perhaps
make this clear to him and convince
the rascal of the injustice of his proceeding
against. I am tired out and my health be-
ing behind inclining rather in consider-
ble as a lawyer and though he might not
succeed he defeat his ends. Can he have
sent the rascal against him, or is he
to wish such my course I know not
him nothing. He will understand by
my joining that he has done, indeed in his
suspicions already in the end & misery,
and I suffering daily in consequence
The president of the Washington Co. in
informed me that the Legislature
intended the mortgage of Texas against
Mexico on his joining in Mexico. We became
they had heard of his leaving been quite

then I would [illegible] [illegible] of it and
it is very considerable in such [illegible]
they thought that they had better close.
[illegible] you see the miners are coming home
to him. It is a hard mine, and we
now have a dollar left. [illegible] had better
have paid me my money, he would have
saved his [illegible] honor and he might
have had some consideration shown him
in his condition. [illegible] to save his
house in Brooklyn, and made every effort
to do so but it is impossible. I am
sorry he has made such a mess, but
I can't help it. I shall be very fortunate
to recover my money — expect there
will be some loss but nothing very material
compared to the whole amount. I shall lose
more by being detained here under expense
probably than in any other way. I have
a very hard and rough time of it as much
so as at any time since being up here but I hope
to come out all right. I had very little
money left after [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

the 15th. I expected to have returned £60 or £40, but owing to the cars being so large they could not be placed up. I am sorry to report the minor for Baltimore but I did the best I could for you under circumstances. I will be all right I hope. I have borrowed money from the Purser, to be in my banks in case of emergency, but do not like borrowing money. It seems that I am spending more than I ought to do much faster than I ought. I have received a letter from home that I spend it too fast. Perhaps, I do have at times money to burn. The Purser has paid in about $[illegible] since we have been here. The Steward has on his accounts $102.00 to me and I owe the Steward. I should have left me about $100.00. It seems as if I am not doing as well as I should. He told me to keep them on the 2nd August that he would send them a letter for me in Baltimore. Tuesday and Wednesday with the middle of next week I shall be [illegible]

He was down with us the 5th and [illegible]

hundred & dollars most of which I dare
say to send them that I am just paying
rent of the small office – but everything
seems to go wrong with me. I have a
debt important to get away. I have
Mr Carnes & Jones. Our Dairy & Mag
had accounts settled Aug 28th
$4,800 cash – we are to receive cash for
more to be coming in Hereafter
hereafter times will be divided equally –
Yesterday you not yet publish complaint
in papers till – Tomorrow & Tues
day – we are anxious to see what
it will work for – then we can determine
as to other matters. Mother answers
for her annuity since 1st August. Mr Ad
ams has drawn to your money in Savings Bank
which she says is yours – we contend otherwise
and say we will not pay her the bank
the money as well as all other property
real and personal can be no together
with books papers &c. & what a
mass things are. Seems impossible we
can be straighten them out. Mother will
never carry out terms of the agreement
unless forced to do so. She is jealous
out as cool – will not give me a
of anything unless from fear. Thought
Amanda for us to compare now. Looks
just like taking the responsibility off
my – only I can do no – I will again
try – then we compensate me for
what I have done. Mother only consented
to give everything for that time & long
unless I compel her. I do not think she
means well – better for me to take time
I can get nearly over his balance
so that to give my time to contending
with mother for the benefit of Jimmie. Can
lose my life if my wish to see that
Mother has undoubtedly a great
deal which probably we will never
have anything to do with which will
go to Hattie. Mr Garrison & Sandusky.
Mr Harrell says that he has the
Jimmie deed which will be put in

plaintiff's claim. Some things should be attended to, matters which matter today but if not attended to lead to grave difficulties. It is not probable you will see Henry. He has declined to refund the sum $[illegible] and $[illegible] telegrams to him. He says he refunded to my son and then sent his draft to pay the balance. It is not usual a matter to deal. Still I think I should see the parties to pass the amount to credit of Agent. Letting out the $[illegible] paid Independent $[illegible] for Chinese service & taking out papers. It is not before the auditors. I find the Tribune allowed me $[illegible] in drawing up some papers & $15.00 interest on $[illegible] to Niagara, out of the Council fee of $[illegible], which Henry & Sim should have allowed me to make inquiries but would not. I forget the items to explain. Sorry, but very busy. Jas. Williams' pleadings & the amount involved about $45.00. The Tribune said that legally I could make no claim for

remaining here attending to the suit but as it was as much for the benefit of the others as for myself they should in justice contribute something towards my expenses. I told them I did not suppose they would be willing to do so – The fee of $40 which I [illegible] [illegible] they want me to pay for by myself but they will when I [illegible] it. John S. [illegible] consented to my [illegible] I get anything [illegible], but Harriet objected to my receiving anything. The $40 paid to [illegible] questionable, in my opinion [illegible] [illegible] of the $40 [illegible] [illegible] questionable if not allowed except at final settlement. [illegible] and myself will have to bear it.

But enough of these matters I am tired of them. I wrote them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money to send the [illegible] [illegible] return to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] you will have to manage the best [illegible]. [illegible] Thanks [illegible] [illegible]

who I suppose will lend the money to get what
them is in the case for the corps. I will buy
a few pairs of 6½, 6¾ kid gloves so that the
advancement which you have made in people's
in their favour with Mr Wallace. I am glad
I have seen you speak so highly of him. I wish get me
from for his you mean take and remember
you can something present my dying do. Such you
are stated the feathers were for children hats, mean
tip would have been far more than enough and
in fact cost, fortunately the feathers are not
taken but what they were only for children, I do
not keep them for an guide. I am sorry George
broke the back piece of violin. Tell him to keep the
pieces. I will bring him some cement to put them on
which will make it stronger than ever. Also send
back piece some more bridges and strings. Think
he is rather hard on the violin. Must have more
care and to create so much disappointment. I am sur-
prised about the strings being so very poor
I thought what I thought was a good string.
Though during that they were not the best.
I'll however get next time the best.

of the strings got mixed up that was ex-
tremely because they were packed and
marked to Wilkinson's from Mr
according to the invoice. You have been
hard worker of more than ever invoice
and that will assist them in defending
them. I do not think I can say
more of children's wearing gloves
as they wear cost much more than
they cost. Let me remark that
his opinion of those gloves.
part with any of his kid gloves of the same
kind worn by you or the children you
left. No of under three dozen children
as they are of excellent quality and can
not be replaced for great purpose
Do not give or give away any of
my things. Do not let people know
what you have and then they will
not want. It is easy to give away when
one is minded to do so. No one can expect
to take anything off me to them. Don't
give away any more of my clothes. I am

[illegible]

time you gave away my black waistcoat
this Coat [illegible] the black and
it was a present to me from the young
man who lived with me only and I quit
in the Country. They were made in India
of a heavy silk. I recover it down
but don't give away anything more
I hope to return home soon and then
[illegible] all I have seen though perhaps a
little soon. Anything however that you
can make use of or the chicken you can
take. Again it is easy to give away things
but have had nothing given to me for some
time & answer them with the exception of
what I get from the Lounges. I have given
away perhaps fifty dollars in pounds & sixpence
to Mr [illegible] have been [illegible] but
he has given me anything. [illegible]
chicken have decided to [illegible] to give
them away. We were equally as [illegible]
[illegible] you were [illegible] proper way
[illegible] to give me anything. [illegible]
[illegible] that you had [illegible]

want anything from [illegible]. I think it was mean
Mr. [illegible] wanting. The letter [illegible]
the little [illegible] and then leaving you the
way [illegible]. It depends very much up-
on circumstances with me. I have a piano, buggy
furniture &c. ... The [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible].
I see by the paper [illegible], that the [illegible]
will stop [illegible] [illegible] sufficient-
ly at San Diego. [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
times I [illegible] do so, but the trouble is to find
out where. You think that the debts amount
to about $1500. I think in addition to what was owed
before I left San Diego. I do not see how we can be
[illegible] [illegible]. We require some things for our
furniture besides the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to make it decent and then we must live there
together more and then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] trouble
take things as they come. [illegible] [illegible] an
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yesterday
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and things [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] money [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
separate with [illegible] advantage. I want
thank you for the [illegible] and I have read
them with great interest. I wish we could
send only the "Hockey" Union sending
the daily and weekly in duplicate and
the Young Men again on Hockey contains the
[illegible] of second division. I don't think
that I have any thing more in particular
to write about. The Natural Academy is
very interesting. The Tribune & Capital have
abundance on hand. The Homestead
at Adirondacks. Don't worry yourself
or let others worry you about my remaining two
months in prison. You are more to me
I have or could have and entwined
you are all my hopes and affections.
Care for you and for mother with
see you and be with you. And
soon as in my power I will pay for
the return of lightning. The daily Tribune
[illegible]

New York, State of N.Y.

My Dear Sir,

I arrived on the 2nd with a long letter. On my return to my hotel in the evening of the same day after writing it I found a communication from your attorney in relation to injuring me there in the matter of Smith to Robinson. He was sent to Albany early the next morning from his telegraph office and told to be present in his office to make an assignment of the judgment and chattel mortgage to William Hagan the person to whom he had purchased and paid 10¢ upon the property at the sale. I was much alarmed thereat and sent for Mr Minaker to proceed to Albany home with. It has the effect of relieving me in a pecuniary point for some time previous had been the disposition, and I believe I am congratulated that I was not [illegible]

me when Otho knocked at my door & [illegible]
and informed him of the good news, [illegible]
but thought it [illegible] to appear to me
as though I had been disappointed
& offended. After breakfast we went to the
lawyer & received the papers which he
had already prepared - we waited till
well nigh noon but neither my mamma
or any one in the house paid any attention.
Mr Goodrich said that she had been kept
in, till he had been deceived by
Ridgeway in purchasing the property for him,
in leading him to believe that the lease
to Mr Mc was cancelled by mutual
consent from a friend of his & that he
had promised to advance the money. He
said he had not intended to purchase
the property. That he did so at Otho's
request that he had advanced the 10 £ thinking
that it would pass the amount
of the purchase money and take a
deed from him for the property in
his name or their joint. He
said he did not wish to be the people
or mean to cheat. He was astonished on
a deed of the property was thought to
be out & if the lease he came to be cancelled
had induced him to take an assignment
& the administrator and another mortgage
covering the deed to you on the 1st March
and furnished Mr Ridgeway and
he & Otho agreed between himself and
Goodrich & he drew up the papers
which Otho & I signed. He & Goodrich
then wagered & [illegible] in his in-
tended and then he went for
a marriage license.

Otho came & [illegible] at [illegible]
in the afternoon, but nothing of M.
The next day however Otho told
me G's [illegible] had been here, he showed
me a letter received from the house
mentioning [illegible] that the property
would be paid on Saturday. On Wednesday
he came but G should not be
in town that day but the following

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
for the present. I am [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] expectation
Should it [illegible] be paid the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and Mr Maguire [illegible]
said to be a responsible man, will
be held for any deficiency. Maguire
as I understand is or was a [illegible]
of [illegible]. He has the faculty,
seemingly, of taking in his clients [illegible]
[illegible] he will take in Harold before
the [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. I should [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] appointed, I [illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] much sooner than [illegible]
[illegible]. But I do not [illegible] [illegible]
certain. The [illegible] to purchase
land — no consummated [illegible] yet — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before the [illegible] the
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]
further [illegible] required. Mike said
the Devil [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] asked he worked first. A
[illegible] Magrum keep him working
till his patience was exhausted and that
when it was in danger to have the
[illegible] discussion, he (Magrum) would
then go to further him to the Com-
plaint: and that if he was in earnest he
be placed the room [illegible] for the dis-
cussion of the Evil the Killer. Mr Rudaing
he would give him an [illegible] Magrum
Mike said that Magrum is a gentle-
man and a [illegible] and deal with him
accordingly. [illegible] said things are
[illegible] I think it will be [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible]. The sale of the property for
[illegible] was a mere [illegible] Mr Mike said not
will be [illegible] to hold [illegible]
the Complaint and [illegible] was worked
for. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

quite as much as, as long as kept out of my money by Kidgoings. Things progress very slowly — nothing upon Marsden who promised to settle his account on the 20th. and answer with his mother on the settlement. Time alone can be my judge. Mr. Wood is at Washington & I am in no haste. Had he been at home, I would not wait with my money, except that I think you and mom have sent you fully acquainted with my intention, if able to come no more. He pays me expenses, costs & nothing. I shall get money from Marsden on the 11th or 12th & send by telegraph money which will be in time. If Mr. O'Neal have to leave is it you to do the best you can under the circumstances. I think Hurley might have sent the money as promised in Mr. Rice the 5th August and the women need not be entitled



without. In fact I have made arrangements with the City for damages sustained & he will not be able to sue me, mama. Court gets down the morning. In city alley women to be accorded to permit a supplementary answer, having been refused in his general denial leading the women had previously commenced proceedings against me & have effected a compromise on which the man is free. I have arranged to counsel on his side one paper & submitted to him who was very grateful & said the most I was the main determined upon not on Tomorrow morning. My probability is that he will grant it. Leave in the Corporation Counsel in the morning. The case was probably come on Monday next time. My compliments are for Geo. Ang. Pro a black morning. Sun. The Cudgel Mr. Wright be got pretty regular by the

[illegible] incidentally
[illegible] of the suit, therefore
the minister is actual sup-
plemental [illegible] which
allows he to pass in [illegible] provide
the [illegible] you [illegible] anything
[illegible] the supplemental
[illegible] not be accounted
[illegible] if upon the trial of the
Case it appears [illegible]
[illegible] claimed from the City.
In case of [illegible] the [illegible]
upon the property to be reim-
bursed the [illegible]

I have given you the precise con-
[illegible] of code pending [illegible]
[illegible] I can receive from [illegible]
me, though I expect there will
be [illegible] [illegible] wage
[illegible] though [illegible] seem to
[illegible] up in the mutual [illegible]
of the progress of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to the place where he had been
stopping this summer the day
before yesterday, and from
his down yesterday. It was quite
late when he got to Hamilton.
It was an old day for the
season. He came out on the road. had
to stop at Phillips and did not
know but what he would have to come
home the next day or two, but the
pike better towards evening and then
concluded he went. It was neither
intention to have gone to Hamilton, he
did not mention it at home, but seeing the
making made her arrangements today with
Mrs Frost, to go the next to board, she
was for the time being employed to go to
Hamilton. The Sons potatoes in the cellar
a few days since, be at Frost's again.
Time probably we will be more certain
than any in their etc. Mrs Frost
is better than any one else, makes her
mind up pretty nearly without

for but plainly told her to go according of
one is not satisfied. Mother hardly dare
to call her soul her own in Mrs P's house.
She is the only person within the house
incumbered. The woman though rough in her
way is kind, does not let mother want
for anything she has agreed to perform
for her. Mother likes the fine house,
fine grounds, and says that she would
rather be with Mrs P. though she does
times better independent. Mrs Paul
imagines that she is willing to part
with things to the value of Bridget her
servant. She will be the mind of your
home. He has gone back to Mrs P's
address left them. He intends on Saturday
next and arrange the Corner from Mary
Little in an elegant neighbourhood,
the same place where Mr Miles Moore lived
to see her. She pays Mrs P pretty
good board £14 00 per week.
Now that Mother has returned
home in the course of a few days



after receiving from the gentleman of his
business, that business will be done to
turn over the balance of the property belon-
ging to the children under the commission.
We like Pete Dow to tell her that
the matter could be no longer put off,
settled, matted, that she must do as
he has agreed to do. Alone we
very think that she will come to his
offer or turn over in their minds
United friends by, and yet perhaps
prejudices will have to be overcome
toward against her. Other I have
my own same mind. I do not
think that I will like the Cochin gentle-
man quite of common sense. I may
join with them. but shall not be
deceived her longer in consequence.
I will furnish and Mr Jack I have
for the information of the lawyer
will be left to pay as I am concerned, to
conducted. I have fully determined
to return home as soon as I can

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the Bank after receiving my
money for Indian business
could find in the hands of the law-
yers it managed as they seem fit.
I expect however to be obliged to
come on myself when the prop-
erty is sold and to receive what
money will be coming to me.

Now Mary are you not
sick with the news of all that Hurst
has done to Rebecca, and are
you not the glad to know I am thinking
with you? I know that I shall be
sorry for poor Rebecca's sake
more agreeable, but you need not
be. Often our minds are agitated about
unlikely ills, matters relating to the
settlement of the estate. I am in fact,
and must see it through. I have answer-
to relign home and business so
that I cannot return until the
money arises from the sale.

tell me as [illegible] father [illegible] believe
in [illegible] nothing. Thomas returned
home this afternoon. Lawrence also
returned alone from Holland.
Henry has purchased a Champagne
some other kind of a carriage, besides
some furniture & here no delay of
[illegible] the Horse to the Hamlets.
I am almost afraid that many
times we require too much. I fear
that it will take nearly all our earnings
leaving nothing to pay debts & taxes
on all we ask more. I think there
will go a few times shipping furniture
if I can send over the [illegible]. The freight
is not much even that per cubic foot; that
is $1.00 per Ton. Otherwise I will send
overland the distance between [illegible]
[illegible]. I think with a few
[illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible]
we might [illegible] for the present
besides [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

painted to me, to unadorn the house a little. I can imagine how very pretty everything must look. I should like a great deal to go in even then for the pleasure of painting and furbishing it up more than we can afford to spend in furnishing this year. We shall have to wait a little longer.

I have no doubt but that you would like to see your mother as well as most people do to be old, and so you shall. I would like to have you to visit us in Manchester. But we must very coolly assure Bob & Mark it would be cruel in you to leave the children alone. Perhaps Mark & Juliana and then you and Frank can take a trip then for a short time. I wish you would give me the address of your mother that I may call to see her and Amelia as I may have something for them when I return. I am sorry to hear of Dr Priestley's illness and poverty. Affection as you say he [illegible] bellies for him and his family, to be dead. Every day seemingly has its trouble in it. We have had our share and yet to keep us till we have not been entirely friendless. Now we have been visited we can remember and appreciate. You mention the Bishop of London particularly kind. I am glad to hear of this. And well, we know the date which you wish to present to him. You the Duke made to raise for his principal. I am inclined to think that Haughton has the idea of marrying at the termination of their road. I wish he may not be disappointed, and then perhaps not pleased in asking such an address as to drive them under your roof then admission. He seems indeed very anxious that to pick the deepest and prudent if he have to give up the thing I doubt if it will be to his advantage. You as intimate pack I spoke to prudence such a thing as will [illegible]

been here from nothing and I have given up all idea of being in a settled home, or anything like it. If you I should not have written when I was in the agony of the children's birth. I mean the year in which they were born. Remember the day of the month each child was born, back to the time of your birth. But as you have miscalculated my age, you correct it. I will tell you the year and day of the month when I was born. Perhaps it is easier with a horoscope or anything else. Where the [illegible] I shall be prepared for the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] appears to bring suit for partition of property [illegible] of Patrick McCauley. The decedent died [illegible] he has brought in a number of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] He has not included his grandchildren — it may perhaps be necessary, that a guardian may deem it so, to intervene and make the grand children parties to the suit. Such be has none jurisdiction regarding some of them being minors. Ed.

I am sorry to hear that you are in poverty in health and suffering so much from the disease which you seem — keep quite sick. Pray remember. The expense [illegible] seem [illegible] to be considered in any way as a bar to complete claim consequent to the complaint. Cannot spare [illegible] to the location in any way indeed, a [illegible] to the house

of foolish women who have so little sense as to relate to you the distresses of their neighbors in telling you such things I would not consider them of the least consequence could them to effect your mind in any way. You know the influence such things have upon the minds of people when applied to anything of this kind. I would to God they had never been told you. Indeed Charles upon you may absolutely rest assured of liberality, that I will be in no case deceive you. You will find that you have indeed been under strict Christian appreciation without being bewildered with the prejudices. [illegible]

I am glad that the railroad magnates are turning their attention towards our Lord. It would be very favorable. It would be very surprising indeed if any prejudice under which you might make labor in any degree with the work of God. Any prejudice of the Indians against the Commodore of Glamorgan with Van Reed or any of his with other minds would be considerably [illegible] because that country was never based to Van Reed and by any encouragement to induce them to do the same perhaps therein they might be induced and use the opportunity. I wonder Dear Lord has [illegible] has been departed by the Central Pacific Jets in the western Mormon Tent. [illegible] Bible Stories high Engineers present [illegible] Pacific which [illegible]

The question of national compensation and settlement for secession has become as to whether San Diego should become a great city or allowed to gradually decline according to the capacity of the country of Texas. The population of the [illegible] may be [illegible] subsequent. [illegible] we have long been expecting, hope that England will not be hoodwinked by the Commissioners of Stanford Mr, and that in [illegible] regards the title that has [illegible] they will be cautious [illegible] more to the South than they have to the North. Uncertainty and there more could [illegible] than [illegible] that an entirely [illegible] for San Diego. The action of our Government will settle the fate of its citizens. If [illegible] favorable indeed their disappointment will be [illegible] more [illegible]

the Trouble and Expense in
setting up the sewing
machine to be can. for his
sewing on the nuts. not to do
so lots trouble. Judgment
must be used. but I suppose
Frank at least knows under
stand about this. also in
packing the machine to be com
fort in unpacking the crates
pieces will be broken anything.
the thread sent you sewing machine
was will be sufficient for the
present. Any ordinary spool
Cotton will do. Send one
a dozen extra needles. You can
a needle threader which may
be useful to you. I will get
some of the other things before
the machine leaves as the
agents I may complete
You have said. Probably leave

deep cousin than that in this
Autumn. Yet I recall a
weather this summer has not been
as warm as usual. Very good
health indeed. Sunstroke
mention having been happened
reported in the papers. I have passed
the whole summer without wearing a
thin coat though I had had one
I have worn to Mass I mean
undoubtedly more warm weather
than. But been in most charming
health I generally retired every
night during the heat of the day
and kept quiet as possible.
You must have had your hands full
during Feb. and the confusion
in which we all were placed.
Upon me be under no misapprehension respecting my
feeling & my deciding you
wishing to add in any way
to your present trouble.

Last Sunday evening I felt the
deadly dose which I had pur-
chased to poison my bowels or
bowels. The owner of Lippincott
in an order of medicine of gum
matic purchased with Pepsin
Don't you think that must have been
mine? I did not find it so unpleas-
ant as I anticipated from the mean
because the summer dose taken was
a tolerable one. I actual
kept to consider it bad enough to
vomit. I wiped my mouth and sucked
a drop lemon juice. No pique
no positive ill from unpleasant symptoms
I was able to write and kept pretty
healthy. About three months ago
I took a large dose of cod liver oil which
vomited me considerably before morning
with painful sensations. Since then
I have managed to retain it — but no
sign of my take it from certainly
no thoughts or even discomfort.

[illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible].
I am satisfied that Gunnoff
have set fire to him some time
after then I took a large dose
of [illegible]. I passed a small time
[illegible] & [illegible], pulled
in an [illegible] to take off. I think the
head of it must have been broken down
so low that it must have been decom-
posed on the neck bones and have fastened
upon me. I was however greatly
troubled with worms & some hurts, mos-
quitoes full of them as to my certain
knowledge I passed at least twenty of
them every day. They were about this
size [illegible] and as they resembled
somewhat the old Quaker, I thought a
[illegible] and having so much pad a
[illegible] in me, the head of which did not
[illegible] I supposed that these particles
from the [illegible] had com-
[illegible] [illegible] I did not
[illegible] after

taking the Lithentrin or Cantharides in the form of the perfumes, which floating upon them, and they were all upon the first kind of [illegible] was some indication of what was then in the hundred of [illegible] [illegible] doubted. It may be that the [illegible] [illegible] of the taste upon which I felt in me, being the identical one particularly [illegible] upon by the same dose [illegible] of whatever a taste [illegible] in multiplied the tinctures I have think that it would have had more effect of giving a considerable [illegible]. But of all persons in [illegible] the case when I took the perfume many years ago and when I took the dose of Table salt some months ago. But then certainly was nothing of the kind, not even the [illegible] were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

floating on top which I supposed was what were worms operated upon by the turpentine as to be rightly discernable.

I could get so weak as to lie down the medicine gave me trouble in the day Sunday. I laid down 10 o'clock in the day Sunday. I allowed myself to eat to the extent of the food I could swallow to gain some strength. The doctor told me to take the turpentine getting up to take a mouthful of lemon lemonade. Thursday I took a good bath for an afternoon had with him some ice cream & tea cakes. Friday morning cup coffee & a rose which was the last I ate ~~[illegible]~~ and the last drink was water at 12½ in the afternoon. I took the medicine about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, so



you see my stomach was disposed to act at the time I took the preparation. The tapeworm is gone the full length of it. There is not a particle accounted for the effects of taking the medicine. I have pain very back sore and dizzy, when turn pain in a moment. I feel a shortness of breath and oppression around my heart similar to that when I had the dispepsia of the heart. Adding hereto that I think you are. The time in a few days to pass when I shall be able to judge and also whether I have any further indication of worms tapeworm or anything else. It may be three or four months before I know anything more as to worms or tapeworm. I hope however I have rid of them. I have written this purely that you may know, but leave the

28 [illegible]
[illegible] able to—
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], then I am
[illegible] It is impossible for me to say.
I must not forget to acknowledge
and thank Nannie for her letter of
the 26th inst contained in your
[illegible]. I hope she is really trying to
learn something. What she can
under the circumstances. She seems
anxious to write me a nice letter, to
do so you must not leave it till the last
moment when you are about to close
yours, but do so at her leisure when
she can give it care and attention. This
is the only way for her to write [illegible]
letter and I will too be ready to enclose
in yours. Please write again soon after
[illegible] Monday if there any good news.
If not then after the receipt of your next
which I expect Tuesday next. So dear
Nan continue [illegible] and the
children believe me as ever your de-
voted husband.

[illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
about people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rather large,
and as they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] uncertainly [illegible]
getting it, [illegible] they are [illegible]
the part of [illegible] [illegible] many [illegible]
butter &c., have been [illegible] so great [illegible]
I have just had the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] time.

I am glad to see the [illegible] of school
you find [illegible] in the company
of Pete, the dog and the [illegible] and
that you are [illegible] fear with such
[illegible] prospects.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made the
[illegible] gratify him, [illegible] again with your
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The
probabilities [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] hope your [illegible] [illegible] remarkable
has been [illegible] with any pleasure to the
[illegible] not want [illegible] pushing [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
think [illegible] in George you and
[illegible] that he will make a smart fellow.
[illegible] that he [illegible] the [illegible], this is [illegible]
[illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I should like to see [illegible] [illegible] in manner
particularly, [illegible] [illegible] gentlemen
and ladies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] will be to become [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] graduate
the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] advantageous ones. [illegible] they will
be grateful to them.

I am sorry to hear that your [illegible]-
ing [illegible] disappointment [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] may think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I called at his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Guerber.

I have not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] Mussulman [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
but probably a great [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible]
up a powerful [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

It will need [illegible] the influence [illegible] friends [illegible]
in Congress, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Texas &
Pacific R. R. [illegible] provided for
the treaty [illegible]. The Company
has [illegible] report [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. The arbitration
[illegible] in Mass
[illegible]
I have been [illegible]
already [illegible]. If I have not got [illegible]
if [illegible] my favor
[illegible] a continuance
[illegible], but [illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible]
a portion of the patronage [illegible] for
[illegible] to pay the
balance of it. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I did not write
last week for some Ld Lorn
reason or other San Diego
but write next Friday. Sept-17 "1874
my love to all, especially
to you my dear pop -
My dear Husband. Nan

Yours of
Sept 2nd came to hand safely
enclosing two newspaper clip-
pings, one of the sale of
B, house in Booklyn to-day
I hope you will push it
through to-day and not
give him any more quarter
you are too easy with him
why do you not crowd him
and not allow an one to
listen to him and his son,
you know them both now
so go ahead, and do not
listen to them any more, and

go ahead, he sees you are easy, and takes advantage of you, push him no quarter for such a thief and unprincipled man, I hope by the time you receive this all will be settled, and you are on your way home. I will not write much to-day as I have a sore eye, the same as I had some time ago, I think my Kidneys must be affected some, as there is a puffy appearance under my eye like it was wont.

The children are well, I have a headache and do not feel right. To-day is the day we expect the Case of things and I shall leave my letter open till I hear from Frank. The Case has not come to-day so Mr Battaile just now tells me, so we will look out for next steamer. I received the 450.00 by Telegraph all right, but Greenbacks are so very low, I am obliged to lose over Seven dollars off of the amount they are 84½ cts. The weather is very oppressive indeed this summer, and I have suffered so much from the heat this summer, that I will be glad when the cool weather sets in. We are all hoping that you will get your money after this last sale on the 17th. so that you may leave

that bedlam you are in.
What a relief it will be to
you dear poppets to get rid
of all this trouble, for I
cannot see that you have
gained enough to com-
pensate you for all you
have gone through. Why
does not Mr Hassell tell you
what information he has
to your advantage to let
you see if it will be worth
your while to make a move
in it. I have no doubt he
knows more than he has
told you concerning the
Estate. Why does he not
come out and show him-
self your friend as he pro-
posed doing at first, they
are all very queer people

where you are, I "would not
give a button for them a"
I buy very few things from J. S.
Menasse & Co now, as they
do not seem to have sugar
coffee as I want it, so when
I get money I buy a great
many things for cash, and
buy a few things on credit
from them so that they
may not bother you about
money. And so we go. The
children are all disappoin-
ted that the case did not
come to-day. There is no
news stirring so that I have
not anything in that line
to write about. Everything
is more dull than ever here
two funerals to-day one
yesterday and that is

all that people have to do
here now-a-days to enliven
the town. Mrs Conners mother
was one of the dead to day
She would not confess to the
priest so they had to bury
her in our grave yard.
It does seem to me as if
you never will be able
to come home to us any
more, sometimes I think
you will not but then
again I know you wish
to, but there is scarcely
an one here that thinks
you are coming home at
all. I tell them you will
and that is all I can
say. I am sorry I gave
your two coats away

but Mrs Morse offered to be
them, but Morse did not
so I let them go, thinking
we may get even some time
I do not give any thing away
I keep every thing for we
know not at all. Very dull
times in the office these
two weeks, Frank makes
very little lately since
the Election. We all
sit and wonder when
you will come home
George says "don't I tell'
you pa will never come
home, I know he says'
we laugh at him and
then he says you will
see. They all go to
school but do not learn
much, she has too many

scholars to teach, the school needs a man teaches to rule them. Stoughton has been defeated as I suppose our Rail Road has gone up. The children all send love to you, and mam hopes it will not be long before she sees the light of your countenance beaming upon her solitary life. I think of you day and night, and picture all kinds of things to myself in connection with you, well hoping to see you down my dear husband, I remain your loving and devoted wife

Friday Anna E. Tohaly.

I will write as soon

Old Town
San Diego -
Sept 3d 1875.

My dear Husband -

Received invoice of Pioneer Lind, together with your letter dated Aug 20th containing duplicate - Bill of Lading for all of which I thank you. Am glad to hear that you are well and expect to receive your money soon, so that you may come home soon. The children are all well at present, and I am feeling better this week than last, week, the weather is cooler than it has been for some time past, and it has been

cloudy a long time, making
some folks think that we
will have a rainy season
this winter, I hope so. The
Election on all the talk
now, McCoy has been defeat-
ed by a very great Majority-
Course having been the
Lucky one. Guadalouse
Estudillo is also elected
State Treasurer, D. Stockton
Coroner, Culver, County Tre-
asurer, High feelin, and
great talk over McCoy's
defeat, So many voted a-
gainst him, saying that he
has held office long enough,
and some one else must
have a chance. The Repub-
lican Carried this county

Morse also is elected Public
administrator. I know that
we will all be pleased with
the suits - but I fear me
that you have got for me
rather a too fine dress, a
Linen suit would I think
have been more serviceable
to wear in the stage going
to New Town something as
I do. At any rate I shall
prize it as coming from
you, I beg you not to
buy any more clothing ex-
cept coarse suits for the
boys, and sheeting, a few
tablecloths, pillowcasing, and
a piece of shirting, that will
be sufficient to keep us going,
we must pay our debts, and
have some to live upon

I do not think you need buy any furniture unless extraordinarily cheap. We may be able to get some here cheap, but a Steinway piano second hand if you can get it cheap enough to cover freight I would like for the girls to learn on. But do dear Poppie as you think the safest only reserve enough money to live upon till times get better here. I thank you for the "Domestic" sewing machine, I know I shall like it for it seems easy to run. I hope Mrs Wallaski thinks well of her, but you do not say if bought with currency, but I suppose it is so, I will tell her so

San Diego Sept. 17th 1875

Dear Father

As mama has written to you to-day I though that I would write a few lines to let you know that we are all well and I sincerely hope that you are the same. San Diego is very dull and quiet just now. To-day they had a funeral Mrs Connors mother died in her eight sixth year I did go to the funeral but Frank and my-self went to the house last evening and stayed till about eleven. I suppose that you know that Mr Estudillo has been elected State Treasurer. The C. S. C's gave him a very nice surprise party not long ago and we had a splendid. To-day we were looking for the case but as it has not come we look for it on the

next Steamer. The C. S. C's are going to have another Christmas tree and I am making presents I hope that you will be home to enjoy the fun. People are begining to think that you are neve coming home. We have a very nice library at school among the books are the Waverley Novels. Scott poetical works. Moors poetical works, and a great many other interesting books all of which I intend to read. We have had very warm weather for the last two or three day but this afternoon it is cool and pleasant. The children all send their love and many kisses.

I would like to write a longer letter dear Father but as I cannot think of any thing more I will close by sending you my love and many kisses

from your loving and affectionate daughter

Anna Amelia Whaley

Good-by dear Father.

New York. Oct 20th 1875

Dear Mother,

I expect to leave for home soon and if agreeable to you it will be a satisfaction and pleasure to me to see you before I go not on any business, but to bid you good bye. I have more than the kindest filial feelings towards you and wish to express the same towards you. You can appoint any time and place you choose other than at Harris's house.

Your affectionate Son

Thos W Kelley

Mrs Rachel Whaley

1864

Sept 25

Y. M. W.

Yearly Oh.

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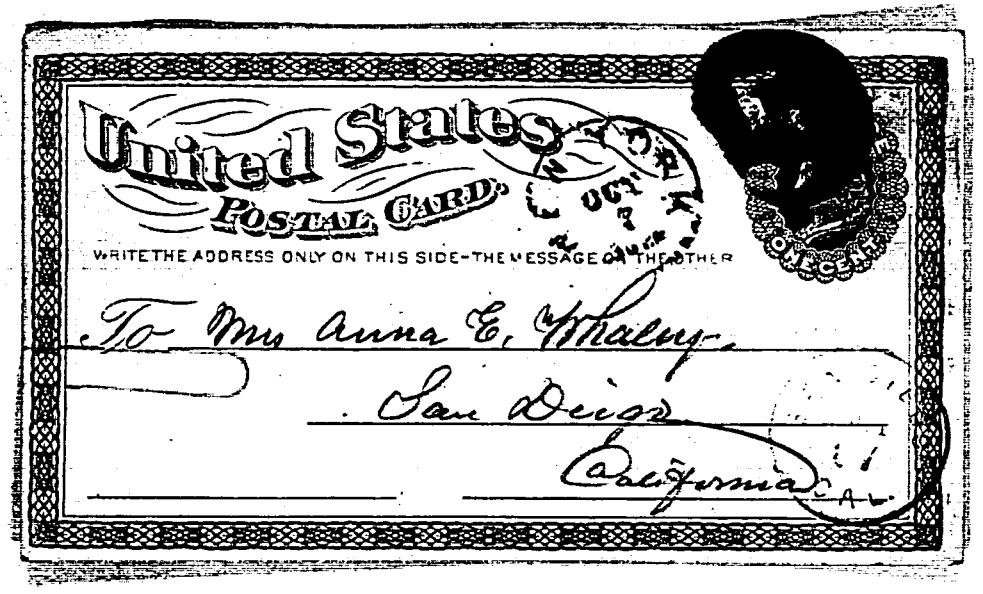

United States
POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Mrs Anna E. Whaley.
San Diego
California

Suspension Bridge
Niagara Falls
Oct 5. 1875.

Arrived here safe at 1 p.m. on Friday.
about leaving

Thos Edison

Clifton, C.W. Oct 7th 1895.
(1.20. p.m.)

Dear Wife.

I sent a P.C. from Suspension Bridge yesterday, but as the view of the Falls was so unsatisfactory I decided to remain here one day to give me an opportunity of visiting the Falls, which I have done. I am about to take the train for Chicago and have written this to have it ready to mail from there, enclosing duplicate B/L of case shipped the 4th, also a list of things in my trunk checked to Omaha, things in two baskets which I have with me and on and about my person. I send these as a precautionary measure in case of accident but I hope to be with you about the time you get this. I may stay one day at Chicago & one at Salt Lake. I expect to be with you about the 16 or 17th. I must close now. The boys are

Yours &c Theo Whatley

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|---|---|---|
| | | 112.35 |
| 1 Tea Set. 6 pcs. as 1900. Triple Plate on White Metal | | 42.00 |
| 1 Carlon 6 pcs, 3410 " " " " | | 9.00 |
| 1 Butter Dish, corresponding with tea set " " " " | | 7.50 |
| 1 Butter Knife. " " | 171.89 | 1.05 |
| 45 Skeins Embroidery Silk | | 2.00 |
| 2 Cards fast Blk Hos &c. | | .08 |
| 1 Plate Glass 8x6 | | 35 |
| 1 Box Lock, No 10 | | 25 |
| 1 Linen Collar | | 25 |
| 1 Blue & Red Pencil | | 10 |
| 1 Roll 500 pins | | 20 |
| 1 ft Rule | | 10 |
| 2 Boxes Saratoga. | | 40 |
| Pokes Lemons Limes Candy | | 1.00 |
| 1 Hammer | | 35 |
| 2 Pictures the 2 orphans | | 10 |
| 1 Hair Brush. Comb. Blacking & Brush 1.00 2.— .05 .20 | | 1.50 |
| | | $178.57 |

* Item may possibly be some few other things omitted.

Trunk, Covered & Coarded, marked T. Whatley. San Diego Cal
Checked through to Omaha (no 1347)
Oct 5.95. by Erie R.W. at 4 p.m.

Clothing in Trunk (the Same)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Pr Light Cassimere Pants | 10.00 |
| 2 Heavy Merino Under shirts | 4.00 |
| 4 Pr Thin Socks | 1.00 |
| 4 " " " | 1.50 |
| 3 Linen Hdkfs. | 1.00 |
| 1 Pr Merino Sock | .50 |
| 1 Blk Silk Scarf | 1.00 |
| 1 Pr Elastic Suspenders | .50 |
| 2 Night Shirts | 4.00 |
| 2 pr Drawers tucked Edges | 2.00 |
| 3 " Kid Gloves Blk. dark green & red. | 4.00 |
| 5 Linen Collars | 1.50 |
| 1 Wht Marseilles Vest | 3.00 |
| 1 " Linen " | 3.00 |
| 5 " Cotton undr. w. 3 B & H. wm | 7.50 |
| 2 " Linen Shirts | 6.00 |
| 1 Blue Cloth frock Coat | 10.00 |
| 1 Blk Cloth Vest | 5.00 |
| 1 " Cass Pants | 10.00 |
| 2 Blue Silk Scarfs | .50 |
| | 83.25 |

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|---|---|---|
| | | 83.25 |
| 3 Silk Neckties | | .75 |
| 2 Blk Felt Hats | pr B. G. | 4.00 |
| 1 Pr Elastic Garters | no " | 1.50 |
| 4 Lady's Cut L. C. Hdkfs. | 1 doz | 1.00 |
| | 46.50 | |
| 1 Business Coat & Vest | | 15.00 |
| 1 Custom Made Pants | | 12.00 |
| 1 Pr Suspenders | | .75 |
| Clothing — | | $124.25 |
| Other things. | | 178.57 |
| | | $302.82 |

Contents of One Trunk, marked:-
"~~Baggage~~. Thomas Whaley, San Diego - Calif."

| | |
|---|---|
| 3 Architects Paper Scales | .50 |
| 1 " Triangular " Rosewood. | 2.00 |
| 1 " Circular Scale. " | .25 |
| 2 Bots Shoe Dressing | .50 |
| 1 " Liquid Silver | .25 |
| 1 " China Cement | .25 |
| 1 Box Cartridges No. 1 for 45 Cal. Revolver | .50 |
| 1 "Gun Oil Can" for Gun | .25 |
| 1 Carpenters Screw driver 10 in | .35 |
| 1 " Gimlet | .05 |
| 1 Pocket Memo Book | .60 |
| 1 Wallet for Letters | .20 |
| 1 Cake Vanity Shaving Soap | .05 |
| 1/4 lb Durham Tobacco in 2 bags | .20 |
| 1 Violin Instruction Book | .40 |
| 1 Guitar " " | .25 |
| 1 Pair Pins for Violin, Front and Back | .50 |
| 1 Bundle E. Strings | 3.50 |
| 1/2 " A " | 1.50 |
| | 12.10 |

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| | 12.10 |
| 1/2 Bundle D. Strings | 1.50 |
| 1 Doz Violin Bridges | .50 |
| 1 German Imported Harmonica. 6 set keys | 5.25 |
| 1 Catarrh Inhaler | 1.50 |
| 1 Box Catarrh Remedy | .50 |
| 1 " Bombay Root } to keep away | |
| 1 Box " " " } moths &c | .25 |
| 1 Chamoise Skin | .75 |
| 1 Pice Red Sealing Wax | .10 |
| 1 Set Calleuder Cards | 25 |
| 1 Plate for Letter Box | .50 |
| 1 Doz Fixtures to repair window blinds | .25 |
| 1/2 " Pocket Telegraph Instruments & Books | 1.00 |
| 1 Cut Glass Letter Weight. | |
| 1 Rose Wood Vanity Box | |
| 1 " Paper " | |
| 1 Brass Rule. | |
| 1 Goodyear O.R. Rules | |
| 3 Paper tin bound Rules. | |
| 1 Rose wood Card Rack. | |
| 2 Ready Reference Files - paper | |
| | 24.45 |

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| | 24.45 |
| 1 Ready Reference File - morocco. | |
| 1 " " " wood. | |
| 1 Pocket Book Slate. | |
| 1 Fancy embossed Paper Cutter. | |
| 1 Ivory " " | |
| 1 Pen Rack. | |
| 1 Piece India Rubber | |
| 1 " Paper Cleaner. | |
| 1 "Bijoux" Counter. | |
| 1 Calleuder Frame | |
| 1 Satin Wood Sponge Box | |
| 1 Bronze Letter Weight. | |
| 1 Paper File, (Rosewood base.) | (illegible) 1.00 |
| 1 Steel Watch Chain | .10 |
| 1 Aneolus Magnifying Glass | .35 |
| 1 Shell frame Eye Glass | .50 |
| 1 S.R. " " " | 50 |
| 1 Plated " " " | 50 |
| 1 Chatelaine | 1.00 |
| 1 Lady's Belt. elastic & gold plated | 2.50 |
| 3 Sarge & 1 Smace Bot Vaselline | .95 |
| | 31.85 |

Old work from 6/12 & 9/5.

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|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 31.85 |
| 1 | Dr. R. H. | flat engraved bracelets 5 7/8 in no 4 | 7.50 |
| 1 | " " | Chains for same | .50 |
| 1 | R. H. | Scarf Ring | 1.00 |
| 3 | Gold | Cuff Shirt Studs, Spiral no 8. | 2.50 |
| 3 | R. H. | Collar Buttons | .75 |
| 1 | Gold | Pin init diamond no 306 | 2.50 |
| 1 | | Scarf Slide Burnt Silver. | .25 |
| x 2 | R. H. | Neckchains. no 307 | 15.00 |
| x 1 | " " | " " 288 | 5.00 |
| x 1 | " " | Locket | 4.00 |
| x 2 | " " | " Cameo heads 309 | 6.00 |
| x 1 | Dr. R. H. | Eardrops no 430 | 2.00 |
| x 1 | " " " | " " 468 | 1.00 |
| x 1 | " " " | " " 56 | 1.00 |
| x 1 | " Gold | " end no 233 | 5.00 |
| x 1 | " " | " " " 227 | 7.50 |
| x 1 | " " | " " " [illegible] | 7.50 |
| x 1 | " " | " " " 197 | 5.00 |
| x 1 | " R. H. | Cuff Sleeve Buttons. Small Stud no 504 | 2.25 |
| x 1 | " " " | engrd init "A" Sleeve Buttons no [illegible] | .75 |
| | | Private Papers & Letters Remain Care | .00 |
| | | | 112.35 |

On and about my person at the time of leaving overland for San Francisco. Cost:

1 Gold Watch No 27,748. bought of Middleton & Brother No 10 Maiden Lane. N.Y.

1 Black Silk Cord Watch Chain } for Frank.

1 Mass. Watch Key, steel barrel } all for $5.00

1 Smith & Wesson's Revolver, 7 shot. Nickel Plated, Engrd, Pearl handle. No 106,184 } 15.00

1 Blk Cord & Gilt Opera Glass. "Lunette Duchesse" 2.50

1 Blk Leather Case for same .75

1 Gold Pen & Gold & Ebony Holder 5.00

1 Steel frame Spectacles & Blk Leather Case 1.00

1 Medium Pearl Handled Knife 3 Blades "Rogers" 1.00

1 Plain Gold Ring. A.E.L. to C.H. Aug 14, 1852 6.00

1 Pair Chinese Pearl Sleeve Buttons. .50

1 R. R. Collar Button. .25

1 Pencil, "Faber's No 2" with steel protector .06

1 Small Briar Wood Pipe. .25

1 A.T. Cross Box, Bottle Cologne .25

1 Steel Key Ring with Key for Frank's Lunch box 107.11 .05

1 Steel Button Hook. .25

107.36

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|---|---|
| 1 Pocket Book with memorandums | 107.36 |
| 1 Heavy Merino Undershirt with protector | 2.00 |
| 1 Pr Canton flannel drawers. | 2.25 |
| 1 " Brown Cotton Sock | .25 |
| 1 " Bullmore Tailors | 5.00 |
| 1 White Col Shirt Linen Bosom | 2.00 |
| 1 " Linen Collar | .35 |
| 1 Pr Striped Mixed Woolen Pants (Black & Gr) | 8.00 |
| 1 Dark Blue diagonal Coat. | 15.00 |
| 1 " " " Vest. | 5.00 |
| 1 Black Silk Hat. | 3.00 |
| 1 " Telescopic felt Hat. | 2.00 |
| 1 " 000 grain Silk neck tie | .50 |
| 1 White L. C. Hdkf. | .50 |
| 1 Dark Cummer Coat | 10.00 |
| 1 Reversible black & grey mixed long Shawl | 8.00 |
| 1 Pr Castor Gloves. | 1.00 |
| 1 Tobacco Pouch. | .15 |
| 1 Through ticket N. Y. to S. F. by Erie R.R. Oct 5. 75 – 2 nd Class | 105.00 |
| 1 Check for our trunks No 1347 to Omaha | |
| 1 – $1000 – Gin 1 – $500 – 1 – $100 – 1 – $50 Currency in pocket book undershirt | 1650.00 |
| $20 gold $5.00 Silver and about $50 Currency Bills &c and some few other papers. | 75.00 |
| | $2,004.36 |

N.Y. Oct 5/75

## Contents of Lunch Baskets

Taken with me overland marked.

Thomas Whalen San Diego. Cal.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Chicago made lunch basket with padlock key | .95 |
| 2 Linen glass towels. | .50 |
| 2 Small Tin plates, with the alphabet on. | .15 |
| 2 " Wht granite Saucers. | .15 |
| 1 German Silver fork. 1 Plated spoon 1 Bone handle knife. | .60 |
| 1 Black Tin Tumbler with handle | .15 |
| 1 Baldwin Pocket Stove | 1.00 |
| 1 Tin Coffee Pot, round top, with handle | .60 |
| 1 Small Glass & Tin Covered liquor flask, round top | .75 |
| 1 Bot Old Rye Whiskey. | 1.25 |
| 1 Pocket Looking Glass. | .10 |
| 1 Shaving Strop. | .50 |
| 1 Small Wood Pipe. | .50 |
| 1/4 lb Fine Black Tobacco | .40 |
| 1 Pack Playing Cards "Grand Mogul" Black back. | .10 |
| 2 Boxes Wax Matches | .10 |
| 12 Lead Pencils, a few pieces. pomatum and a collar button | .15 |
| 1 Small Tin Coffee Pot for pocket stove | .50 |
| | 8.65 |

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| | 6.15 |
| Call. Powd Sugar. Peppermint drops | .10 |
| Reading Book. Jokes in Verse | .15 |
| 1 Cake Honey Soap | .05 |
| Provisions. Lay | 7.00 |
| 1 White Shirt | 2.00 |
| 2 Linen Hdkfs | 50 |
| 1 Pr Canton flann Drawers | 1.00 |
| 1 Pr Merino Socks | 50 |
| 1/2 Yd Oil Silk .45 1 Lynchburg Gazette .85 Paddock | 1.30 |
| | $ 21.75 |

Rec'd Dec 5/76.

San Francisco Oct. 12
1875

My dear Anna

I have just received your kind letter. I have just got over another attack of the acute rheumatism it leaves me so weak my back is so very sore that I can hardly drag along. and poor Amelia is so worn out taking care of me & the house that I am afraid she is discouraged her health is good enough if she had less fatigue. The Oakland lessons fatigue her strength much, and the few scholars in this city are so

Was last week to Mrs. Ingersoll's with Mr. Porter

scattered about that it
keeps her going all the time.
She looks worn out.
I do wish she could
have rest & a change for
some time. I do not
know why God keeps me
here so long a burden to
others & to myself. I find
it very hard to finish my
journey. Amelia often
says, Who will take care
of me in my old age?
I tell her that her nieces &
nieces will be well off
& will do for her what
they could not do for their
poor Grandmere. It is a sad
thing for her to think of.
Last Saturday I was sick
a bed. Mrs Smith called.
We had not seen her for
some time. I heard Amelia
exclaim, as I greatly surprised
Oh! is that you! I was
thinking of you then and
was sure it was you as Mrs
Smith came in. I burst
crying with disappointment
saying I shall never see
her again! Dear Anna do
try and come as soon as
possible! it seems to me
it will do me so much good
I long to see Frank.
tell him I am so much
pleased with his conduct
to you since his father's
absence. tell him I have
not looked at the tools
but he will find them
all there I suppose

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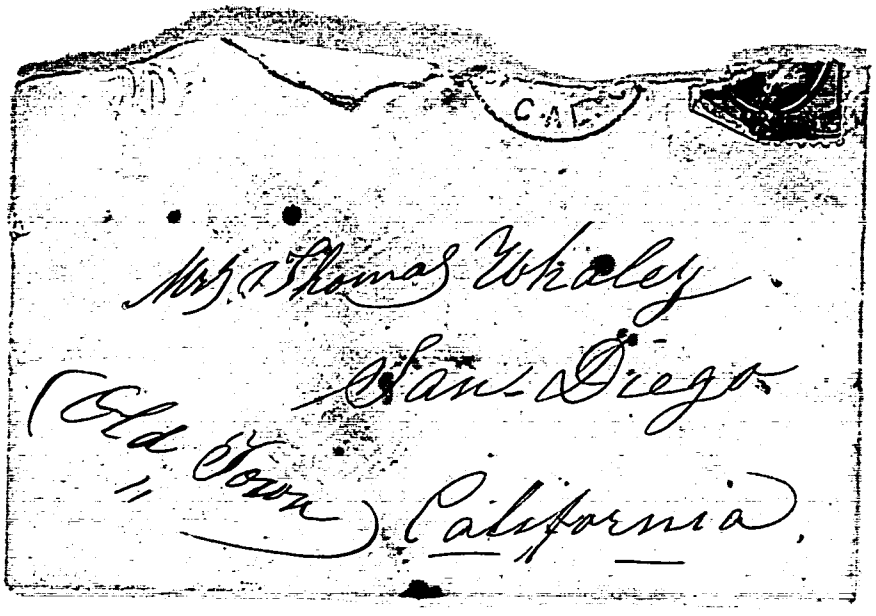
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Mrs. Thomas Whaley
San Diego
(Old Town) California.

New York, Oct 5th 1875.

My Dear Wife.

At last! I am ready to leave. Will start at 7 this morning by the Cin Ex Express train stopping to see Niagara Falls and hope to be home in about ten days from Hence. Find enclosed $P.O. Orders $50 each and B/L of car clothing re shipped yesterday and invoices of same which will reach you about the same time as I hope to. I will write from time to time along the road a line that you may know how I progress en route. I have not time to say more. In haste with love.

Your dear husband
W. H. Vanderbilt

Will telegraph to-day

I write this on board the cars

no letter yesterday.
many will forward it
when it comes —

Nov
1875

No Documents

Dec

1875

# The New York Floating Elevator Co.,

OFFICE—No. 47 PEARL STREET,

GEO. D. PUFFER, *Pres't.*

*New York, December 21st 1875*

My dear old friend Tom:

Without any of your long looked for letters to answer, I write to ask what has caused your long silence. I have been waiting to hear of your safe arrival, to write you a long letter giving you my doings since you left. I received an official letter from the P. O. signed by your wife, acknowledging a letter I had never mailed, but presume you did. Well I am only going to give you a short note now to enquire if you have written me, and are waiting a reply. My family are pretty well, Mrs Lord asks every day about you, and thinks you must be sick or we would hear from you. I bought my house at last, a fine three story

brown stone house in Hall Street opposite St James Church, and shall move between February and April. I am now busy again with my "Christmas Tree" and think of you, hoping you will enjoy yours this year. Feeling that without a good excuse you do not deserve this letter I shall bring it to a close by sending my kind regards to your dear Wife and family.

Your sincere friend
Geo. D. Puffer

Answd Decr 20/96

Club Rooms C. S. C.
San Diego, Dec. 24th 1875

Miss Anna E. Whaley:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements of the Clavelle Social Club, you were appointed to act as one of the Committee to help in trimming the tree. Your appointment was accepted by the whole Club in Club Rooms assembled. We hope you will lend your assistance in helping us to decorate the hall and trim the tree.

By order of
Frank H. Whaley
President.

Alex. Lyons
Secretary

William E. Connors
Albert B. Smith
Frank H. Whaley. Com. of Arrang'ms

P. S.- Party and tree on Christmas Eve, Dec 24th, 1875: at Clavelle Hall, residence of Thomas Whaley.

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